

Middle School BYOD Program

Device Specifications and Program Requirements

All middle school families are required to provide their child with a mobile device for daily school use. The school is committed to equal access to technology to support learning. Families that may require financial assistance are invited to contact the principal.

To accommodate our heavy reliance on the *G Suite* (Google Apps Tools) for teaching and learning, we are **recommending Chromebooks** for our rising 5th grade class and new transfer students because they integrate most reliably with the suite of tools. Below are basic feature requirements and links to specific devices that have recently received good reviews.

Recommended Features for Optimum Functionality

1. **Camera** - the device must have a camera. Some newer Chromebooks now have dual cameras (one on each side of the screen) which is highly preferred.
2. **Long Battery Life** - at minimum 7 hours for continued functionality
3. **Larger RAM** (Random Access Memory): at least 4GB
4. **Processing Power**: Intel Celeron or Core m3 processor
5. **Google Chrome** - most devices can download this web browser even if it not a Chromebook

Recommended Devices: <https://www.cnet.com/topics/laptops/best-laptops/best-chromebooks/>

1. Acer Chromebook R13 or 15
2. Samsung Chromebook Pro or Plus
3. Asus Chromebook Flip
4. Lenovo Flex 11 Chromebook
5. Lenovo 500e Chromebook

Before purchasing any device, be sure to read reviews from tech websites! Also, we have had some issues with touch-screens on Samsung devices in the past.

School-provided Services

1. School will provide orientation for personal devices that includes set-up assistance
2. School will provide orientation to *Responsible Use Policy*

Student Responsibilities

1. Usage of personal devices is subject to Technology Responsible Use Policy
2. Battery must be fully charged at home (at 100% capacity each morning)
3. Student must keep the device securely stored when not in use
4. Students may not use the device for any non-academic purposes at any time while on school grounds

Disclaimers

1. Device will NOT be maintained or serviced by school personnel
2. Loss or damage is NOT covered by parish liability insurance