

What type of device will I need for high school?

I already have a device – will it work?



Based on the age (memory, processor speed and storage space) you may experience limitations or issues while using that devices in the classroom.

If you already have a laptop or tablet that work at home, you are encouraged to **try using it at school** before purchasing a new device.

Please Note:

- You are not required to purchase Microsoft Office for your device as the licenses are included with your child's account.

I need a new device – what should I buy?

Device eligible for subsidy



Windows Laptop or MacBook – Best option

- built-in keyboard
- is best equipped to meet all of your coursework needs for long period
- typically last for many years
- easily upgradable



Tablet / iPad – An option

- more delicate and prone to breakage
- certain client software may not work
- a keyboard and protective sleeve is strongly recommended

Device not eligible for subsidy



Chromebook – Not recommended

- limited offline capabilities
- certain client software may not work
- likelihood of lasting 4 years is quite low



Refurbished - Not recommended

- limited warranty
- likelihood of lasting 4 years is quite low



Phone – Not recommended

- Limited usability for a long period

Specifications



8 GB or higher of memory (RAM)



64 GB or higher of storage (Hard Drive Size)

* Solid State Drive (SDD) or Flash is recommended



Windows 10 Operating System or newest Mac OS (only applicable to laptops)



1.6 GHz or higher processor speed (only applicable to Windows Laptops)

If applying for a subsidy, please note:

- You must purchase a device that meets the specifications listed to qualify.
- You are only eligible to receive one subsidy, so it is important to choose a device that will last your entire time in high school.