



2021 - 2022 Technology FAQ for New Parents

All students in grades 6-12 are required to provide their own computing device for use at school. The devices recommended by Episcopal include either a Chromebook, Windows, or Mac-based laptop/notebook. The main factors to consider in purchasing the device include the weight of the device, the battery life, processing speed, and cost. For students entering Middle School, a Chromebook is strongly recommended as the student's first campus device. It is a cost effective option and its processing power and computing capabilities will last through the student's time at Episcopal.

Minimum recommended specifications for Chromebook:

- Processor - Intel N3350 or higher
- Ram - 4GB Minimum
- WiFi - 5GHz 802.11a/b/g/n Minimum
- Battery - Minimum of 5 hours
- Keyboard: Full-size physical keyboard

Minimum recommended specifications for Windows or Mac laptop/notebook:

- Processor - Intel i5 or i7, or AMD Athlon 64 bit
- RAM - 8GB Minimum
- WiFi - 5GHz 802.11a/b/g/n Minimum
- Battery - Minimum of 5 hours
- Keyboard: Full-size physical keyboard
- Operating System - Windows 10 or higher / OS X 10.9 or higher
- Hard Drive - Solid State (SSD) 256GB Minimum

Q. My student already has an iPad. Will that work?

A. Episcopal does not recommend an iPad as the student's computing device. The devices required by Episcopal include either a Chromebook, Windows, or Mac-based laptop/notebook.

Q. Does Episcopal have on-campus technical help for students?

A. The school offers help with software, textbook, and access issues and offers hardware support for connecting to the school WiFi. It is recommended that parents purchase hardware support or device insurance to assist with hardware issues and damage to the device.

Q. Do the devices replace textbooks?

A. No. Our goal is to provide the option of having both the printed and the electronic textbooks. It is up to parents to decide which works best for their student and purchase accordingly. In many cases, it is helpful

for students to have both versions. Depending on the book, some textbooks may not be available as an e-book, and some e-books may not be available in printed form.

Q. How do we keep our students safe online with mobile technology?

A. Episcopal emphasizes the importance of teaching responsible and ethical use of devices at home and school, and the School encourages parental supervision to support these efforts. Episcopal works diligently to educate our students in the area of internet safety and proper use to ensure that we minimize risk and give them the tools they need to make the right choices.

Q. How can we improve device/internet safety at home?

A. You can filter the content your child receives, providing you some level of control in what they can and cannot access. The Technology Office can provide assistance on this topic.

Q. How do teachers ensure students are on task and paying attention when using the device in class?

A. Teachers have developed methods and practices that ensure effective classroom management with and without the use of the devices. When the devices are not in classroom use, they are to be put away or face down on the desk.

Questions?

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