

# BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) REQUIREMENTS

## GRADES 9-12

St. Mary's technology initiative requires all students in grades 9-12 to bring their own computer to school as their primary technology tool for academic use. This decision is a natural outgrowth of our nationally recognized curriculum innovation. Below please find the rationale and the minimum specifications for computers compatible with the School's academic expectations.

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### Rationale

St. Mary's Episcopal School believes in an environment where students are given opportunities to reach their individual potentials and become college-, career-, and citizen-ready. The School's use of digital technologies to improve student learning has become an integral part in fulfilling that mission.

Our teachers observe that students in the Upper School daily access digital content for their coursework. The purpose of what is widely called a "Bring Your Own Device" (BYOD) initiative is to use our digital resources in an even stronger, more effective way. This initiative gives students easy and timely access to digital content already in place in the classroom. Through the Haiku Learning Management system, Google Apps for Education, online databases, and other resources St. Mary's provides students with opportunities to connect, collaborate, create, and apply concepts. This experience is also quickly becoming a college preparatory expectation.

The Upper School curriculum has adopted numerous online resources and interactive learning tools that replace textbooks in a continuing effort to offset the weight of books and supplies that students daily carry.

### Types of Computers

The device needs to be a laptop computer with a **full operating system**. The device needs network access to allow connection to a secured Wi-Fi network (802.11g or newer). These are the only devices currently compatible with Haiku, our learning management system.

## Minimum Requirements for Laptop Computer

Platform	Operating System	Storage & Hard Drive Space	Memory	Network	Required Software
PC – any brand	Windows 10	250 GB SATA Hard Drive or 128 GB Solid State HD	4-8 GB RAM minimum More is always better	Wi-Fi capable	Antivirus software (This is often provided free from your internet provider)
Apple MacBook Air*	High Sierra	Minimum of 128 GB Flash storage	4-8 GB RAM minimum More is always better	Wi-Fi capable	Antivirus software (This is often provided free from your internet provider)
Apple MacBook Pro*	High Sierra	Minimum of 128 GB Flash storage	4-8 GB RAM minimum More is always better	Wi-Fi capable	Antivirus software (This is often provided free from your internet provider)

*\*It is recommended, but not a requirement, that the Apple Extended Warranty (AppleCare) be purchased for Apple Computers. The warranty extends coverage from 1 year to 3 years.*

### Acceptable Use

With any computer on campus, student-owned or school-provided, all students are expected to follow the Acceptable Use Policies published in the student handbooks.

### Financial Aid

The school has a limited supply of loaner computers that are available to students who have significant financial need as determined by School and Student Services (SSS). Please contact Nicole Hernandez, Director of Financial Aid, at (901) 537-1405 or via email at [nhernandez@stmarysschool.org](mailto:nhernandez@stmarysschool.org) if you would like to request use of one of these computers for your daughter.