



FRIENDS SELECT “BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE” PROGRAM INFORMATION

Friends Select has a “Bring Your Own Device,” (BYOD) program. The BYOD program allows students to create and access digital content and resources in the classroom. By bringing their own devices students are able to configure their electronic learning environment to fit their own learning style. The electronic device is a tool for learning in the classroom that enhances their learning experience. The program requires students 6th through 12th grade to bring their own computing device to school for use on the school network. Any family who believes it cannot meet this requirement should contact the director of middle school or the director of upper school.

All technology brought to school must be used in accordance with Friends Select’s technology use policies, which can be found in the student handbook. Failure to follow these policies may result in disciplinary actions or confiscation of the device.

APPROVED DEVICES FOR FSS BYOD PROGRAM

Minimum Technical Specifications

students who are taking the Digital Art, Video Production or STEAM courses should check [this document](#) for machine specifications

<p>Windows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Windows 10 operating system ● CPU i5 Processor ● WiFi 802.11 ac/WiFi 802.11 a/WiFi 802.11 n ● Memory 8G RAM ● Hard Drive 128GB Flash Storage ● Battery Life Should be able to endure most of the day (4-5 hours) ● Any Paid or Free Antivirus Software <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Avast (free) ○ McAfee (paid) 	<p>Mac</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mac OS 10.14x or Higher ● CPU Dual Core Processor ● Memory 8G RAM ● Hard Drive 128GB Flash Storage ● WiFi 802.11 ac/WiFi 802.11 a/WiFi 802.11 n ● Battery Life Should be able to endure most of the day (4-5 hours) ● Any Paid or Free Antivirus Software <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Avast (free) ○ McAfee (paid)
<p>Chromebook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Running latest version Chrome OS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How to update your Chrome OS on a Chromebook ● 1G Processing speed ● Hard Drive 16G Flash Storage ● Memory 4G ● Battery Life Should be able to endure most of the day (4-5 hours) ● Chromebooks do not require anti-virus software ● Students using a Chromebook who are rostered in a digital media or STEAM course will be provided access to a school device for these courses since the necessary software cannot be installed on a Chromebook. 	

Factors to consider when deciding on a device

As stated above, students who are rostered in courses that require video, sound or other digital editing tools should bring either a Macbook or Windows laptop school and may need technical specifications that surpass what is listed above. Students in these courses should refer to [this document](#) to view the recommended specifications for Digital Art and Video Production.

In general, the choice between a Windows, Mac or Chromebook device is a personal preference. Windows laptops tend to be more affordable and run a complete operating system that allows for software to be installed on the machine. They tend to have more options since many manufacturers make Windows machines. Macs tend to be a bigger investment and are compatible with a lot of iOS (iPhone) functions such as Messages and FaceTime. Chromebooks are a great, inexpensive everyday device. They do not, however, support any software, drivers or other items that need to be installed on an operating system. Students will be able to access their coursework and Google Apps through the device.

If you have any questions, or need purchasing advice, please feel free to contact a member of the FSS IT department listed below. We will be more than happy to assist you in making the best decision for your family.

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