

Solebury School

Individual Device Policy

Solebury School uses instructional technology as one way of enhancing our mission to teach the skills, knowledge, and behaviors students will need as responsible citizens in the global community. To that end, all students are required to have access to appropriate technology for use in classes, the brand and specifications of which are up to the student and student's family and may be influenced by the technical requirements and recommendations below. Solebury School recognizes that individual students will differ as to their preferences for devices and how they study, write, and create. While useful tools in their own right, cell phones are not acceptable devices in terms of meeting the productivity needs in Solebury classes.

Teachers and courses will differ, but in-class activities that are commonly required by teachers include writing, Internet research, watching videos, accessing eBooks, downloading materials, and other web-based tasks. While the majority of classes do not require the installation of specialized software, students generally will need a way of writing papers, using spreadsheets, and making presentations. Solebury School's wireless network is available inside all classroom buildings, athletic center, dorms, dining areas, library, and many outside areas.

Notes about Devices and Remote Learning in the 2020-2021 School Year

To best support remote learning when it is necessary, students will be best prepared for the upcoming school year if they equip themselves with a full laptop computer rather than a Chromebook or iPad. In addition, we recommend a set of headphones with a boom microphone for use when they are not present in the classroom. [Here is an example](#) of the recommended headset type.

Recommended Laptop Specifications

Processor	i5 quad or above
RAM (in GB)	8 minimum (16 preferred)
Disk (in GB)	500 GB SSD or larger
Video Card	on-board (HD+ minimum)
OS	Windows 10 Pro or macOS Catalina (10.15x) or above
Video Ports	HDMI or Thunderbolt
Network	1GB e-net / 802.11ac (Wi-Fi)
Screen Size	15" (or larger) Windows 13-16" MacBook (Air or Pro)
USB Ports	2 or more, USB3
Webcam & Speakers	Integrated

Minimum Technical Requirements

- Please be advised that classes that require the installation of software will require technology that meets the specifications specified above. Examples of this include Photography and Digital Design classes.
- Webcam
- Microphone
- Compatible with the Google Suite: Chrome, Drive, Docs, etc. either via a browser or apps
- Able to connect to a wireless network
- Current and up-to-date anti-virus software installed and running
- A healthy battery that can last through the school day
- A physical keyboard, either built-in or connected via Bluetooth
- Software that allows for the creation of documents and presentations, such as the free web-based suite of tools such as Google Drive (provided by the school) or with a separate software package such as MS Office, or a suite of apps that comes with a device (such as Mac's productivity apps).
- Optional, but strongly recommended
 - An extended warranty for your device
 - A protective case.
 - Activation of the device locator, such as Find My Mac, Find My Device to more readily locate a missing device.

If you have questions regarding student technology, please contact the Solebury School IT Department at studenttech@solebury.org.