

Student Technology Recommendations

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Students will want to bring a new or recent fully featured laptop computer to campus. Nearly everything we do is cloud or web based, so any reasonably new system that can run the Google Chrome browser and GSuite will be satisfactory.

General information about student laptops:

1. Students should bring Apple or Windows laptops, not Chromebooks. Laptops should be relatively new (no more than 2-3 years old) for best results. If buying new, a large hard-drive is recommended, as well as a minimum of 8GB ram.
2. All student laptops should have anti-virus/anti-malware software, like [Sophos Home](#), installed. The Frederick Gunn School does not provide such software.
3. All student laptops should be kept up-to-date by regularly installing updates.
4. We recommend that your laptop should have a service contract. The IT staff will always try to help students with computer issues, but does not offer repair service.

Productivity tools:

The Frederick Gunn School uses Google's GSuite. As such, each student will have a school issued Google account that will allow for email, calendar, word processing, spreadsheets, presentation creation, and other tools. ***There is no need to purchase Microsoft Office.***

Other Notes:

1. Video conferencing (like Zoom) will be common so laptops must be outfitted with good sound and a webcam (either built in or usb).
2. Earbuds/headphones are also strongly recommended. Better yet, a good headset with microphone is optimal for use in a dorm room (and considerate to roommates).
3. Devices should be labeled -- please put your name on your personal property.
4. Though optional, an extra charger is often useful.

If you have questions and for technical support, please email edTech@gunnery.org.