



Sacred Heart School Bring Your Own Device Program Tips for Finding Quality & Affordable Used Devices

For incoming 5th & 6th grade families hoping to purchase a device to last 3-4 years, we recommend buying a new device with a good warranty. A new Surface Go would be the most affordable and reliable new option. For incoming 7th & 8th grade families who may need a device for only a few years until high school, these are a few helpful hints and resources that we have for finding a quality, affordable used device. These are also good resources for device accessories. Note that buying a used device (especially one without warranty) comes with greater risk. We encourage your family to consider these factors and make the decision that is best for you. Please don't hesitate to reach out to our SHS Tech Staff with questions.

Options for Finding Used Devices

Local Recycling Companies

Cost is usually higher with a retail recycler. Most will offer a 30-day warranty that you won't get from a private purchase. You need to pay sales tax. Call ahead to see if they have Microsoft Surface devices. They don't always have them in stock. Great place to look for power supplies if you need a spare.

3R Technology

- 2 Locations – South Seattle in the SODO area and North Seattle off Aurora
- Offers discounts to students and teacher

PC Recycle

- Located in Bellevue on NE 20th

Private Party Sales

Advantages

- Generally cheaper
- Lots of availability
- Some people will bundle accessories

Risks

- No warranty
- People aren't always upfront with issues
- Beware of items that seem too cheap. They might be stolen or have hardware issues.

Where to look:

- Facebook Market Place
- Craigslist

Helpful Hints:

- Always meet in a public location
- Don't buy older Surface RT devices. They aren't compatible with our program.
- Ask about ownership. See if they still have the receipt.
- Ask about battery life. You'll want to make sure it still holds a charge.
- Look for obvious damage to the sides or screen
- Boot up the machine and check the specs are as advertised and the keyboard and trackpad are functional.
- Think about the age of the machine you are buying. Surface release dates:
 - Surface Pro 2 – 2013
 - Surface Pro 3 – 2014
 - Surface Pro 4 – 2015
 - Surface Pro - 2017
 - Surface Pro 6 – 2018
 - Surface Pro 7 – 2019 (current)
 - Surface Book – 2015
 - Surface Book 2 – 2017
 - Surface Book 3 – 2020 (current)
 - Surface Go – 2018
 - Surface Go 2 – 2020 (current)
- Pricing
 - Cheap, but very old- We do not recommend
 - Pro 3: < \$250
 - Pro 4: < \$400
 - Recommended:
 - Pro 5: \$500-\$600
 - Pro 6 & Newer: \$600+
 - First Generations Surface Go: \$250-\$350
- Our Recommendations on Used Devices
 - If you choose to buy used, we recommend buying a Surface 5 or newer
 - The Surface Go is an affordable, high quality new option