



# American Overseas School of Rome

## AOSR BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Guide 2020-2021 Grades 8-12

At AOSR, “we inspire a diverse student body to courageously meet the demands of a changing world.” ([Mission and Beliefs](#)) Our BYOD program will be extended into grade 8 for the 2020-2021 school year. BYOD is one of the most popular programs in secondary education because it gives students continuous access to learning resources and it promotes student responsibility.

Starting in August 2020, all grade 8-12 students will be expected to:

- Bring a fully charged and functional laptop to school every day
- Have a good backpack or case that makes it easy to carry and protect their computer
- Respect and follow parents’ and teachers’ instructions and guidelines
- Continue to follow AOSR’s [Technology Acceptable Use Policy](#)

### Specifications

Features	Macintosh or Windows Laptop
Basic Functionality	Wireless connectivity, Apple OS 10.14 or higher, Windows 10 or higher, full keyboard (US or English recommended), 8 hours of battery life, internet browser to support Google Apps
Other features	SSD Macintosh: 256G or more; 512 recommended SSD Windows: 512G Ram 8GB
Apple Retailer Partnership	AOSR has a partnership with Italy’s largest Apple Premium Reseller and Education Expert: C&C Consulting. They offer AOSR staff, parents, and students discounts on Apple products. Please contact C&C Consulting at <a href="mailto:education@ceccconsulting.it">education@ceccconsulting.it</a>

### FAQs

1. **Why a BYOD program?** BYOD allows students 24/7 access to files and learning resources. BYOD programs are also shown to increase students’ sense of ownership and responsibility with technology. Managing personal technology is a core skill in our high-communication, information-rich global culture.
2. **How will AOSR support the students’ laptops?** The AOSR Technology Department will be available to provide advice and technology support during the school day, but will not be able to repair devices.
3. **What happens in the event of theft or loss of a student laptop?** These machines belong to the family therefore families are responsible for all loss or theft. AOSR security will attempt recovery if theft happens on campus, but the school assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen items.
4. **What about at home? What do parents need to do?** Parents should make sure their children are using their devices responsibly and safely.
5. **What if I still have questions?** Please reach out to Jenn Overstreet, EdTech Coordinator at [edtech@aosr.org](mailto:edtech@aosr.org).