



Sacred Heart School BYOD Program: Device Requirements 2025-2026

The Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program extends from grades 5 to 8 for the 2025-2026 school year. The requirements below apply to all students entering the BYOD Program.

Required Device from Surface Family

Surface Go	Surface Pro	Surface Laptop Go	Surface Laptop
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10.5-inch screen 4 or 8 Gig Memory Requires type cover purchased separately. Requires Surface pen purchased separately. Headphone jack 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12-inch screen 8 or 16 Gig Memory Requires type cover purchased separately. Requires Surface Pen purchased separately. USB-C port for headphones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12.4-inch screen 8 or 16 Gig Memory Requires captive stylus purchased separately. Headphone jack 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13-inch screen 8 or 16 Gig Memory The Surface Laptop 7 does not work with Surface pens and requires the purchase of a captive stylus Earlier models do support Surface pens. Headphone jack
Considerations for Each Device Option			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smallest screen and keyboard Smooth digital inking with Surface Pen Screen folds flat for easy writing Low price point 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid-size screen Full-size keyboard Smooth digital inking with Surface Pen Screen folds flat for easy writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid-size screen Full-size keyboard Clamshell design makes digital inking more difficult Not compatible with Surface pen and requires the purchase of captive stylus Captive styluses generally don't write as smoothly as Surface pens. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Largest screen Full-size keyboard Clamshell design makes digital inking more difficult as screen does not fold flat. Pen compatibility dependent on model.

Note: All SHS teachers & staff used Surface Pro or Surface Laptop devices. Students in 1st-4th grade use Surface Go devices.

Minimum Requirements

- 4 gig memory
- 64 gig hard drive
- Hard case (Teachers and staff use cases from [Kensington](#))
- Windows 11
- Compatible pen (Surface pen for Surface Go Surface Pro, and Surface Laptop version 6 or earlier; Captive stylus for Surface Laptop Go and Surface Laptop 7).
 - Captive stylus options: [1](#), [2](#)
- If a type cover is required, it must be a Microsoft brand type cover. We have had a lot of issues with off-brand type covers.
- Wired earbuds with microphone (see below)
- All supplies labeled & device set up according to *BYOD Setup* document

Recommended Requirements

- 8 gig memory
- 128 gig hard drive (Gives greater longevity for 3-4 years, will allow device to evolve and change for updates and changes in 4 years)
- Microsoft Complete 2-year Warranty for Mechanical breakdown and accidental damage from handling
- Soft case with room for power supply and handle for easy carrying

Comparison of Surface devices:

<https://www.pcmag.com/news/the-microsoft-surface-lineup-which-one-to-buy>

Headphone Requirements:

- Please note: All students in 1st-8th grades are also required to have a set of earbuds/headphones.
- Any headphones...
 - Must fit in binder or computer case
 - Must have a microphone
 - Must plug into computer (no Bluetooth headphones)
- 5th Grade Families:
 - Please purchase a pair of headphones that are compatible with your chosen Surface device (see compatibility above and some suggestions below.)
- 6th-8th Grade Families:
 - 3.5mm Aux headphones are included as an optional addition to the 1st Day School Supply Kits, which can be ordered through Parents Club.
 - If your device does not have a headphone jack, you can purchase an adapter ([example](#)) to use 3.5mm Aux headphones or purchase USB-C headphones (see below) instead.

Headphone Ideas (All on Amazon for \$17 or less):

USB-C	3.5mm Aux
Amazon Basics USB-C Wired Earbuds with Microphone	Sony Earbuds with Mic Amazon Basics Earbuds with Mic
Avantree USB-C Wired Earbuds with Microphone	Avantree Wrap Around Earbuds with Mic

Recommended:

- Cord organization: [ELFRhino Silicone Earphone/Cord Organizer](#)