What computer should I purchase for my child?

Any modern computer running licensed English (required) and multi-language if needed (English and any other language) versions of either Windows 10, Windows 11, or AppleOS 12 (Monterey) or higher will satisfy a student’s computing needs and will be supported by the Loomis Chaffee IT Department. **Loomis Chaffee offers free to all students Microsoft Office 365 featuring Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and other Office applications for both PC’s and Mac’s.**

Non-English language operating systems will not be supported.

At a minimum, the school recommends computers with processor speeds of at least 4.0 GHz and memory of at least 8GB. Faster processors and more memory will yield better performance and a longer useable lifetime for the computer. Computers running older operating systems (e.g., Windows 7, Windows XP, Mac OS X) present a security risk to the campus network and will not be able to connect to network resources. Students may bring older computers to campus, but they will not be able to connect to email, the Internet, Instant Messaging, or other network resources.

Laptop/convertibles and tablets are encouraged for incoming students. Laptops take up less dorm room space, transition well between home and school, allow greater flexibility of use, and can be brought easily to the IT Department if service is required. To assure warrantee repairs can be completed successfully we recommend that any new computer purchase occur within the United States. **Tablets and Chromebooks should be considered only for media consumption and not relied upon for academic use.** The school strongly recommends that a three or four-year service contract be purchased with any new computer or tablet.