

# OTHS DEVICE RECOMMENDATIONS

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OTHS offers Chromebooks, Windows laptops and hotspots for checkout to students for E-Learning. Alternatively, students have the option to use their own personal device so long as they meet course requirements.

A Windows Laptop, MacBook or Chromebook will cover most all general studies course requirements at OTHS. Some courses require a Windows laptop exclusively (Example – Drafting and Microsoft Office oriented courses). Make sure to check on individual course requirements to be sure you have everything needed.

Device Options:

**School checked out devices** are a good option as everything is managed by the district. While there is no cost to checkout a device, fees will apply if damage to the devices should occur.

Checkout Chromebook – 3 years old or newer, Screen Size 11.6”, 4GB RAM Memory, 32GB Storage

Checkout Windows Laptop – 4 years old or newer, Windows 10, Screen size ranges from 14” to 15”, 8GB RAM Memory, 256GB Storage and Intel i5 CPU

Checkout Hotspot- 2 years old or newer, T-Mobile coverage area

## Personal Devices

**Windows Laptop, MacBook or Chromebook:** A Windows laptop or MacBook are good options as they allow the student to install the full version of the Microsoft Office Suite (Office365) at no charge while they attend OTHS. Chromebooks can't install the full Office Suite but they can run the web version and are an affordable option with long battery life.

While at school, students may be required to do the following on personal devices:

1. Install Lockdown Browser (Online testing browser)
2. Login to the Chrome web browser with their school issued user accounts for sake of classroom management

When deciding on a device to purchase, use the following as a baseline for specifications and feel free to increase or decrease. Be aware that decreasing some specifications may cause the device to perform at a slower rate.

1. Windows laptop (Windows 10 or higher), MacBook Pro (OS 11 or higher), MacBook Air (OS 11 or higher)

2. We do not recommend iPads and Android tablets. They will work for some tasks but may prove to be frustrating for some classroom applications and will be the responsibility of your student to find work-arounds.
3. DVD/CD drive is not needed for school purposes.
4. The standard hard drive space is sufficient, 250GB and up.
5. The standard system memory (RAM) is sufficient, 8GB and up for windows laptops or MacBooks and 2GB and up for Chromebooks.
6. Processor speeds should be at 2.0GHz or more.
7. Screen size from 11in to 15.6in.

If you would like a member of the Computer Department to examine your laptop or if you're looking to purchase a laptop for your child, give us a call or email to schedule a time to bring in the device and we will let you know if the device meets the requirements for OTHS.

In the end, you know your child better than we do. Please make the necessary adjustments to a device that will best suit the needs of your child. If you have any further questions, please contact the Computer Department at [ComputerDepartment@oths.us](mailto:ComputerDepartment@oths.us) or 618-632-3507 ext. 5390.