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Carrollwood Day School recognizes that access to technology in school gives students greater opportunities to learn, engage, communicate, and develop skills that will prepare them for college, work, life, and citizenship. We are committed to helping students develop 21st-century technology and communication skills.

Technology resources at Carrollwood Day School are provided to support the school's educational mission. The School's goal for a 1:1 device program is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, research, creativity, communication, increased productivity, and mobile learning. Technology is viewed as a tool to help promote knowledge creation and increase skills such as critical problem-solving, communication, and collaboration.

All Carrollwood Day School students, teachers, and administrators have access to the appropriate technology resources and infrastructure necessary to support learning, teaching, and leading.

The [Carrollwood Day School Responsible Use Policy](#) outlines the guidelines and behaviors that all students and staff are expected to follow when using computing devices on the school campus and network.

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Recommendations and Specifications

Our BYOD recommendations align with the school's mission to inspire creativity and hands-on learning. We aim to provide devices that seamlessly integrate into the curriculum, fostering educational excellence. Students are encouraged to choose from the following approved devices, but it is crucial to ensure that their chosen devices meet the necessary criteria, including providing a reliable Internet connection and supporting the installation of required grade-level curriculum applications. These BYOD device minimum recommendations are essential to optimize your student's success with technology in the classroom. Failure to meet these minimum specifications may result in issues when using school programs and apps.

BYOD Ownership

Ownership and responsibility for student devices lie with the student and their family. We strongly recommend obtaining insurance to protect against damage, theft, or loss, and we advise investing in a protective case. Please note that Carrollwood Day School is not liable for lost, broken, or stolen devices.

BYOD 1:1 Recommended Devices by Division

Lower School Students (Grades 4 & 5)

Students in grades 4 and 5 will be using computers to prepare them for the use of technology in middle school. All students in grades 4 and 5 will be required to have a Chromebook. A Macbook or an iPad is NOT acceptable.

- Google Chromebook (4GB RAM, 64GB SSD Hard Drive)
- Some Suggested models: Acer Spin 311, Acer Spin 514, Lenovo Flex 3i, Samsung Galaxy Chromebook 2

Middle & Upper School Students (Grades 6-12)

Students in grades 6 - 12 have several options for laptops, but please meet or exceed the minimum specifications below.

- Apple MacBook (2019 or newer with 8-16GB RAM, 500GB SSD Hard Drive, MacOS 12/Monterey or Higher)
- Windows Laptop (8-16GB RAM, 500GB SSD Hard Drive, Windows 10 or higher)
- Google Chromebook (4GB RAM, 64GB SSD Hard Drive)

BYOD Technical Support

Students must ensure their device runs the latest approved operating system and maintains updated required learning apps. The CDS Technology Department is committed to providing technical support for Wi-Fi connectivity and core learning apps on student devices. It's important to note that the CDS Technology Department will not supply loaner devices or chargers to students.

These revised BYOD Device Recommendations and Specifications are designed to support students' learning needs, ensuring they have access to the tools necessary for a successful educational journey at Carrollwood Day School.

Technology Responsibilities

- **What is expected of the School?**
 - Provide students a reliable Wi-Fi connection
 - Provide students an Internet content filtering system
 - Provide a blended educational environment
 - Model safe device and internet practices
- **What is expected of the Student?**
 - Bring your device fully charged to school each day
 - Maintain student device and student applications
 - Show respect for others' devices, work and privacy
 - Access technology as a responsible user
 - Abide by the expectations and rules stated in the CDS Technology Responsible Use Policy
- **What is expected of the Parent(s)?**
 - Provide your student a device that meets the minimum BYOD specifications
 - Purchase and install the required applications for your student
 - Provide appropriate student device insurance and warranty

School Curriculum Applications

Some courses and grade levels will require apps to be installed on students' devices to provide students with the best learning tools and environment. These applications are determined by the Carrollwood Day School curriculum departments. It is the responsibility of the student's family to purchase and allow the ability for students to install the required applications on the student's device.