



HOLTON-ARMS
SCHOOL

Dear Eighth Grade Families,

Welcome to the Holton-Arms Middle School Community! I am writing with important information regarding technology integration at Holton-Arms. Our mission is to prepare our students for the highest level of academic and intellectual development. Students use technology every day to access information, communicate, and to create and compose. With this in mind, we ask that each student in grades 8-12 bring a laptop of their choice to school each day.

By requiring each student to bring a laptop to school for daily use, we are seeking to increase equitable access to digital resources. It is important that students be able to move seamlessly between school and home, using a device that they know and for which they are responsible. This practice will further their learning, both in and out of the classroom.

We recognize that many students in or entering Middle School may already own a laptop or have access to a family laptop. Assuming the laptop meets our specifications, there should be no need to purchase a new one. We recognize that purchasing a laptop is a significant cost to our parents, and we have given careful consideration to all of these factors when implementing this Bring Your Own Device initiative.

On behalf of the entire technology team, we look forward to working with all of you in the coming year. Should you have any questions about technology at Holton-Arms, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Holton-Arms Middle School BYOD – FAQ's

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Do Middle School students need to purchase a new laptop?

We ask that each student in grades 7-8 bring a laptop to school each day, subject to the specifications below. If you already own a laptop that meets the required specifications, there is no need to purchase a new one. If you are purchasing a new computer, we recommend the guidelines under “recommended specs”

	Device	Required Specs	Recommended Specs
Option 1	PC Laptop (windows)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quad Core i5 Processor• 8 GB RAM• 512 GB SSD• Windows 10• Extended care warranty	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8 Core i7 Processor• 16 GB RAM• 512 GB SSD• Windows 11• Up-to-date Antivirus Software
Option 2	Macbook Pro, Macbook Air, Macbook	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• M1 8 Core CPU• 8 GB RAM• 256 GB SSD• Mac OS X 11.7.6 Big Sur• Apple Care extended warranty	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• M2 10 Core CPU• 16 GB RAM• 512 GB SSD• Mac OS X 13.3.1 Ventura• Apple Care extended warranty

****MS Office****

A free copy of Microsoft Office can be provided to your student if needed. If students would like to take advantage of this offer, please contact the Technology Department directly.

I don't know what to buy - help?

If you do not want to shop and you just want a computer that has the correct specs, we have put together some bundles through DSR Computer for both Apple and Lenovo PC's. Please continue reading.

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Who is DSR Computer?

DSR is an authorized reseller of computer technology equipment for Toshiba, Lenovo, HP, Asus, Acer, Dell, Apple, Fujitsu and Sony among many others. They are also an authorized service provider (warranty/non-warranty repairs) for the listed computer manufacturers.

****PLEASE NOTE**** - DSR has no affiliation with Holton-Arms. They are a vendor that has serviced Holton and many of our peer schools for many years. If you purchase from them, you are not “buying through the school” – you are simply purchasing from a vendor we know and trust. All sales through DSR are final and subject to their return policies.

Do I have to buy from DSR Computer?

You do not have to purchase from DSR Computer. Purchasing from DSR is merely a convenience extended to those who do not want to shop on their own.

How to buy from DSR Computer?

Please click the following link to place your order online:

<https://info.dsr-inc.com/holtonarms2023>

For questions or phone orders :

Primary Contact: Donnie Orndorff 800-875-0037

If Donnie is not available when you call, please press 0 to be connected with someone else at DSR who can help.

When should I buy from DSR Computer?

To ensure you receive your computer by the time school starts, please complete and pay for your order through DSR no later than July 05, 2023.

I bought a computer from DSR, how do I get it?

Your order will be shipped to address you provide OR you may pick up from their location Hanover, MD.

****A flat rate \$25 shipping fee will apply****

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Is there anything else we need to know?

While this should not dictate your decision, many of our students will choose to purchase an Apple MacBook.

Warranty Differences – AppleCare vs Lenovo ADP

Lenovo ADP

<https://www.lenovo.com/medias/Accidental-Damage-Protection.pdf?context=bWFzdGVyfGltYWdlc3wxMTUwNDE2fGFwcGxpY2F0aW9uL3BkZnxpbWFnZXMvaGVhL2gwOC85NDQzMDM5NDc3NzkwLnBkZnw0NDVIMzE1Njc1YmU3NGE3NjAzOTVIZjdINDAyNDk4ODk5YWJhZWQxMWQ0ZWZmYmYxNTY1MjAxNDdmYjY4YTk2>

What's Typically Covered :

Accidental drops, spills, bumps, and structural failures incurred under normal operating conditions or handling, including electrical surge and damage to the integrated LC screen.

AppleCare for MacBook <https://www.apple.com/legal/sales-support/applecare/applecareplus/us/mac/> What is **NOT** Covered :

Damage caused by (a) a product that is not the Covered Equipment (b) accident, abuse, misuse, liquid contact, fire, earthquake or other external cause, (c) operating the Covered Equipment outside the permitted or intended uses described by the manufacturer, or (d) service (including upgrades and expansions) performed by anyone who is not a representative of Apple or an Apple Authorized Service Provider

Tech Help

Our Library/Technology Department is here to help with student technology problems. In the event of a problem with a device during the school day, your student can visit the technology office in the Susanna A Jones Learning Commons or email help@holton-arms.edu. Hardware related issues on Apple products would need to return to an Apple Store because we are not an authorized repair facility. If a machine is unusable or needs to be repaired, your student may be given a loaner to use until the issue has been resolved.

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