



BYOD POLICY

Flintridge Prep has a BYOD, or Bring Your Own Device, program. All students are required to own a laptop computer that they can use to participate in classroom activities on campus and to complete school assignments at home. Laptops must meet specifications set up by the Technology Department.

- The student must bring their own device to campus each day, and to each class they attend.
- The device should be fully charged upon arrival, and the student is responsible for bringing their own power cord for the device each day, as well.
- The student will be responsible for keeping their device in a secure and protected state when not in use.
- All use of devices must comply with the school's [Acceptable Use Policy](#).
- Students and their families are responsible for all backups, maintenance and repair of the device and data stored thereupon.

Hardware Requirements:

- Any laptop computer meeting the following system requirements is acceptable:
- CPU (processor): dual/multi-core — Intel i5 / Apple M1 equivalent or better
- Memory: 8GB or more;
- Hard drive: 128 GB or more;
- Screen: 11" minimum;
- Operating system: Windows 11 or Mac OS 12 (Monterey) or newer required (Chromebook, iPad OS, Linux, or other platforms are not supported)
- The laptop must have a built-in keyboard and trackpad
- Students must provide their own power adapter for charging.

Please plan your hardware purchasing accordingly!

Software & Miscellaneous:

- **Antivirus:** a commercially available antivirus product must be installed on and actively protecting the device. The subscription for the antivirus software must be kept current to avoid losing connection to the campus network.
- **Admin rights:** The student must have the administrator password for the computer.
- **App store password:** The student should have and know by heart a username and password for their relevant app store (Apple's App Store or Microsoft Windows Store). For students under the age of 13, their parents should hold the account and work with them to install apps as requested by their teachers.

For questions regarding laptops, please call the Tech Department at (818) 949-5555.

Looking to buy a laptop for your student?

- [Visit our Dell purchasing portal](#)
- [Visit our Apple purchasing portal](#)

Software provided by Flintridge Prep

(once students have their flintridgeprep.org login)

- [Install Adobe Creative Cloud Apps](#)
- [Install Microsoft Office Apps \(log in with @flintridgeprep.org account\)](#)

Frequently asked questions

What if I don't want to give administrator rights to my child?

There are two instances when your child will need to know the administrator password for their laptop:

1. When connecting to Flintridge Prep's wi-fi (our network requires installation of a security certificate) and,
2. When installing any apps required by their teachers for class.

We understand that many families may not want their children to know the administrator password, and support this decision! We recommend temporarily changing the admin password and sharing it with your child only on Book Day, when they will first need it to connect to Flintridge Prep's wifi. Once they're connected, you can change the password back to something they do not know.

Thereafter, work with your child any time their teachers ask them to install an app-- you can enter the password for them.

Are Chromebooks or iPads acceptable?

No. Unfortunately, neither the Chrome OS nor the iOS platform is capable of running all of the professional-grade applications a Flintridge Prep student might encounter in our curriculum, so we cannot recommend these kinds of devices at this time. If you have further questions on this issue, please contact our Technology Office by emailing tech@flintridgeprep.org or calling (818) 949-5555

Do I have to buy a brand new computer for my child?

A computer needn't be brand new to meet our basic system requirements. Used devices are acceptable, provided they meet our minimum system requirements.

Please be certain that any device used by your child is capable of holding a battery charge for at least three hours of class time without being connected to a power source.

What software does Flintridge Prep provide for my child?

Flintridge Prep students can access both Microsoft Office 365 and the Google suite using their flintridgeprep.org credentials. With the Office 365 licensing, students can download and install the Microsoft Office apps (Word, Excel, Powerpoint) onto their own device.

The Adobe Creative Suite is also available to any student with a flintridgeprep.org account.

Other software may be provided for particular classes; please check with your child's teachers if you have questions regarding individual course software requirements.

Does Flintridge Prep's financial aid awards support purchase of a laptop computer?

Yes. The percentage of tuition covered by a student's financial aid award applies towards the purchase of a laptop computer (maximum cost of \$1,200). Reach out to finaid@flintridgeprep.org for more information.