

## ASB DEVICE REQUIREMENTS 2025-2026

At American School of Bahrain (ASB) we are very aware of the need to ensure technology is integrated optimally into the academic program, while maintaining a commitment to student-teacher relationships and face-to-face connectedness.

**For the 2025-2026 school year, all students in Grades 1 through 5 will need to bring a fully charged iPad (with Grade 5 students encouraged to bring a MacBook), and students in Grades 6 through 12 will need to bring a fully charged MacBook daily as part of their regular school supplies.**

Students, who are already enrolled at ASB in all grade levels except Grade 5, can utilize their existing devices if they meet the school's minimum requirements and provided they have the necessary Mobile Device Management (MDM) available on them. In case a device encounters any issues or fails to meet the school's [minimum requirements](#), the IT Department will directly contact the parents for resolution. For current **Grade 5 students**, please see the "[Grade 5 Students Enrolled in ASB](#)" section below.

**Current Grade 4 students** are strongly encouraged to transition to using a MacBook for their learning needs in Grade 5. After careful consideration and feedback from our educators, we have found that the functionality of iPads is somewhat limited, especially when it comes to the kind of writing tasks we expect from Grade 5 students. Students still have the option to continue using their iPads in Grade 5 if they prefer, as long as they bring a keyboard attachment with them.

### New Students Joining ASB

The following specifications ensure a consistent learning setup and a rich experience for students.

[Please click here to purchase your child's device from iWorld's special ASB webpage.](#)

The purchased devices will be delivered directly to the school from iWorld and delivered to students and parents once MDM licenses are configured. **We encourage new Grade 5 students to purchase a MacBook (as per the below specifications) instead of an iPad so as to be able to use it as they move to Grade 6 the year after.**

| Grade 1 to Grade 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>iPad Bundle (Includes)</b><br><br><b>Option1</b><br>* 10.9-inch iPad 11th Gen Wi-Fi 256 GB<br>* ASB MDM Licenses<br>* Apple Warranty (1st Year)<br>* 2 years iShield (iWorld's insurance)                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>iPad Bundle (Includes)</b><br><br><b>Option2</b><br>* 10.9-inch iPad 11th Gen Wi-Fi 256 GB<br>* ASB MDM Licenses<br>* Apple Warranty (1st Year)                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Grade 5 to Grade 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Option 1</b><br><br><b>High Spec Mac Bundle (Includes)</b><br>* 13-inch MacBook Air: Apple M4 chip with 10-core CPU and 8-core GPU, 16GB, 256GB SSD - Midnight<br>* ASB MDM Licenses<br>* Apple Warranty (1st Year)<br><br><b>Accessories (Strongly Recommended)</b><br>* iWorld Care for 2nd and 3rd Year (135 BD)<br>* iShield 1 Year (Deductible BD 25 with claim) | <b>Option 2</b><br><br><b>Normal Spec Mac Bundle (Includes)</b><br>* 13-inch MacBook Air: Apple M4 chip with 10-core CPU and 10-core GPU, 16GB, 512GB SSD - Midnight<br>* ASB MDM Licenses<br>* Apple Warranty (1st Year)<br><br><b>Accessories (Strongly Recommended)</b><br>* iWorld Care for 2nd and 3rd Year (110 BD)<br>* iShield 1 Year (Deductible BD 25 with claim) |

If you are planning to obtain a device from a vendor other than iWorld for any reason, please obtain approval from IT. Email [itsupport@asb.bh](mailto:itsupport@asb.bh) with the specifications before purchase to check if the device meets the school's [minimum requirements](#) and to install the MDM on it. **Without an MDM on the device, your child will not be able to access the school network.**

## Grade 5 Students Enrolled in ASB (Current students)

The 5th grade students will need a MacBook that meets ASB specifications for 6th grade, if they do not already have one. Parents can purchase a MacBook from iWorld through the link below. IT Support will transfer the MDM license from the iPad to the MacBook before delivering it to your child at school.

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The transfer of MDM from iPad to MacBook can be done without the iPad being physically present at school (the MacBook does need to be physically present at school). Once the MDM is transferred from the iPad to the MacBook, the iPad can then be used freely for personal use.

## Mobile Device Management (MDM) Installation

The IT Department assumes the right to install an MDM (Mobile Device Management) application on all student devices purchased for educational use to ensure the safety of students, preservation of the school network, and overall efficiency of technology usage. To install the MDM, the IT Department will need to erase all apps and files from the device. After installation, the MDM will restrict further downloads from the app store, as educational apps will be installed by the school directly through the MDM application. When the device is no longer earmarked for educational use or the student leaves the school, the MDM will be uninstalled, and the device can be used without restriction.

During the calendar year (including long school breaks) there will be no removal and reinstalling of the MDM, as long as the student remains enrolled. **Reinstallation of MDM will cost 10 BHD for the first time, unless and until it is exempted by the Director.**

### **Why are parents encouraged to purchase devices from our device vendor?**

- Devices can be purchased online without physically going anywhere.
- Device configuration is already set for the best spec possible.
- Devices, once purchased, are delivered to school. IT will configure them and deliver them to students in class.
- Devices bought under warranty are serviced by iWorld and IT without the parent taking the device to the service center. If the device is not purchased from our device vendor the parents will be responsible for fixing any issues that arise.

ASB strongly recommends parents purchase the iWorld Care protection package for their child's device. Although we will educate and promote safe and responsible device care, accidents do happen. The iWorld Care protection program will allow you to quickly have damaged devices repaired, preventing surprise repair costs (deductible charge as stated in the table).

Please reference the table when completing the purchase of the required device for your child(ren). If you have questions or concerns about which device to purchase, please contact [itsupport@asb.bh](mailto:itsupport@asb.bh). You will receive educational prices from our authorized education reseller iWorld. Please complete your purchase orders as soon as you can to ensure delivery of devices by the start of term.

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