

Fordham Prep Official Laptop Recommendations

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Purpose: To provide families with a curated list of student devices that meet the school's 4-year BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) requirement.

Recommended Windows Devices for High School Students (2026-2027)

This document outlines a list of Windows devices suitable for Fordham Preparatory Standards. All devices meet the following requirements: touchscreen with pen support, USB-C charging, adequate memory and storage for academic use, and strong future-proofing. **It is Highly Recommended that Accidental Care Insurance be Purchased.**

Lenovo Yoga 7i (Gen 9/10)

Type: Convertible 2-in-1

RAM: 16GB

Storage: Up to 1TB

USB-C Charging: Yes

Notes: Strong value option with solid performance and durability.

HP Spectre x360

Type: Convertible 2-in-1

RAM: Up to 32GB

Storage: Up to 1TB+

USB-C Charging: Yes

Notes: Premium build quality and high performance.

Dell Inspiron 14 2-in-1

Type: Convertible 2-in-1

RAM: 8GB–16GB

Storage: 512GB–1TB

USB-C Charging: Yes

Notes: Cost-effective and reliable for large deployments.

ASUS Zenbook Flip 14

Type: Convertible 2-in-1

RAM: 16GB

Storage: 512GB–1TB

USB-C Charging: Yes

Notes: Lightweight and portable with good battery life.

Lenovo ThinkPad X13 Yoga Gen 4

Type: Business-grade convertible

RAM: Up to 32GB

Storage: Up to 1TB

USB-C Charging: Yes

Notes: Highly durable and ideal for long-term institutional use.

Recommended Minimum Specifications if you choose another device not mentioned above.

RAM: 16GB minimum

Storage: 512GB SSD minimum

Processor: Intel Core Ultra, AMD Ryzen 7000 series or newer

Display: Touchscreen with active pen support

Charging: USB-C Power Delivery

Additional Recommendations

Lenovo Devices have been shown to be the most durable over time.

Protection & Accessories

- **Laptop Bag:** Students should use a backpack or bag with a dedicated, **padded laptop compartment**. This reduces wear and tear and helps protect against drops and impacts.
- **Screen Protectors and Cases:** Especially for detachable devices like the Surface Pro.
- **Stylus Storage:** Make sure the stylus magnetically attaches or has a holder/pocket in the case or keyboard to avoid loss.

Warranty & Accidental Damage Protection

- **We strongly recommend purchasing an extended warranty (3–4 years) that includes:**
 - Accidental damage coverage (e.g., drops, cracked screens, spills)
 - Onsite or expedited repair
 - Battery service or replacement
 - Many manufacturers offer “education bundles” or student discounts that include this coverage at reduced rates.

Questions or Concerns

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