Grades 6-12 BYOD Guidelines

Apple Hardware Minimum Specifications:

- Any MacBook Air, MacBook Pro or MacBook NEO
- 13” screen or larger
- 8-Core CPU (M1 and up recommended)
- Either 7 or 8-Core GPU
- 8GB RAM (16GB recommended)
- 256 or 512 (recommended)GB SSD Storage
- 802.11ac Wi-Fi wireless networking.
- Supported Operating Systems: MacOS Catalina (10.15.7) and newer.

Windows Hardware Minimum Specifications:

- Windows OS
- Intel Core i5 or i7
- 2.4GHz processor
- 8GB RAM (16GB recommended)
- 256 or 512 GB hard drive (SSD highly recommended)
- 802.11n Wi-Fi compatible

Please note: CSN makes no recommendation regarding specific manufacturer and/or model of laptop, whether new or used, provided it meets the minimum accepted specifications.

Chromebooks and iPads are not acceptable devices for the BYOD program.

Software Specifications:
All students in grades 6-12 are provided with a complimentary Office 365 account, including the full Microsoft Office (MO) Suite of software. Enrollment details for new BYOD students are provided at the start of the new school year. New students will receive a detailed email sent to their CSN email account. While the ability to also install the Office 365 suite of software is located within each student Office 365 account by accessing the individual profile, or via the App store, links to download to a Mac or PC are provided below. Please ensure students login to Office 365 using their CSN Email account.

Click here to download Microsoft 365

Web-Based Office 365 Application accounts:

- Account Applications: MO full suite of software
- MO OneDrive: cloud storage, multiple device access
- MO OneNote: web-based notebook for organization, multiple device access

Web Browsers: Safari, Firefox and Chrome are all supported, as is Edge on Windows devices.

Flash Drive:
The use of online cloud-based storage, such as MO OneDrive, is used for students to store files. However, students need a Flash Drive, a 16Gb minimum or larger, which also is available for purchase in the school bookstore.

*Selection of recommended flash drives – SanDisk (highly recommended SanDisk Ultra Dual Drive USB Type-C,) Lexar, PNY, or Verbatim

Recommended:
Many Apple laptops only have USB-C ports and thus it is advised to purchase a USB-C to USB-A adapter. Additionally, obtaining Apple Care is a wise choice although it does not cover drops and spills. Therefore, a laptop case for protection (water/drop-resistant) and extra power-cord for home are highly recommended.