



## Sacred Heart School BYOD Program: Device Requirements 2026-2027

The Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program extends from grades 6 to 8 for the 2026-2027 school year. The requirements below apply to all students entering the BYOD Program.

### Required Device from Surface Family

Surface Go	Surface Pro	Surface Laptop Go	Surface Laptop
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10.5-inch screen</li> <li>• 4 or 8 Gig Memory</li> <li>• Requires type cover purchased separately.</li> <li>• Requires Surface pen purchased separately.</li> <li>• Headphone jack</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12-inch screen</li> <li>• 8 or 16 Gig Memory</li> <li>• Requires type cover purchased separately.</li> <li>• Requires Surface Pen purchased separately.</li> <li>• USB-C port for headphones</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12.4-inch screen</li> <li>• 8 or 16 Gig Memory</li> <li>• Requires captive stylus purchased separately.</li> <li>• Headphone jack</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13-inch screen</li> <li>• 8 or 16 Gig Memory</li> <li>• The Surface Laptop 7 does not work with Surface pens and requires the purchase of a captive stylus</li> <li>• Earlier models do support Surface pens.</li> <li>• Headphone jack</li> </ul>
Considerations for Each Device Option			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smallest screen and keyboard</li> <li>• Smooth digital inking with Surface Pen</li> <li>• Screen folds flat for easy writing</li> <li>• Low price point</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mid-size screen</li> <li>• Full-size keyboard</li> <li>• Smooth digital inking with Surface Pen</li> <li>• Screen folds flat for easy writing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mid-size screen</li> <li>• Full-size keyboard</li> <li>• Clamshell design makes digital inking more difficult</li> <li>• Not compatible with Surface pen and requires the purchase of captive stylus</li> <li>• Captive styluses generally don't write as smoothly as Surface pens.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Largest screen</li> <li>• Full-size keyboard</li> <li>• Clamshell design makes digital inking more difficult as screen does not fold flat.</li> <li>• Pen compatibility dependent on model.</li> </ul>

#### Minimum Requirements

- 4 gig memory
- 64 gig hard drive
- Hard case (Teachers and staff use cases from [Kensington](#))
- Windows 11
- Compatible pen (Surface pen for Surface Go, Surface Pro, and Surface Laptop version 6 or earlier; Captive stylus for Surface Laptop Go and Surface Laptop 7).
  - Captive stylus options: [1](#), [2](#)
- If a type cover is required, it must be a Microsoft brand type cover. We have had a lot of issues with off-brand type covers.
- Wired earbuds with microphone (see below)
- All supplies labeled & device set up according to *BYOD Setup* document

#### Recommended Requirements

- 8 gig memory
- 128 gig hard drive (Gives greater longevity for 3-4 years, will allow device to evolve and change for updates and changes in 4 years)
- Microsoft Complete 2-year Warranty for Mechanical breakdown and accidental damage from handling
- Soft case with room for power supply and handle for easy carrying

#### Comparison of Surface devices:

<https://www.pcmag.com/news/the-microsoft-surface-lineup-which-one-to-buy>

**Headphone Requirements:**

- Please note: All students in 1st-8th grades are also required to have a set of earbuds/headphones.
- Any headphones...
  - Must fit in binder or computer case
  - Must have a microphone
  - Must plug into computer (no Bluetooth headphones)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Families:
  - Please purchase a pair of headphones that are compatible with your chosen Surface device (see compatibility above and some suggestions below.)
- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families:
  - 3.5mm Aux headphones are included as an optional addition to the 1st Day School Supply Kits, which can be ordered through Parents Club.
  - If your device does not have a headphone jack, you can purchase an adapter ([example](#)) to use 3.5mm Aux headphones or purchase USB-C headphones (see below) instead.

**Headphone Ideas (All on Amazon for \$17 or less):**

USB-C	3.5mm Aux
<a href="#">Amazon Basics USB-C Wired Earbuds with Microphone</a> <a href="#">Avantree USB-C Wired Earbuds with Microphone</a>	<a href="#">Sony Earbuds with Mic</a> <a href="#">Amazon Basics Earbuds with Mic</a> <a href="#">Avantree Wrap Around Earbuds with Mic</a>

**Recommended:**

- Cord organization: [ELFRhino Silicone Earphone/Cord Organizer](#)