



Laptop Specifications - February 10th, 2020

Due to the high level of integration of technology into our classrooms and curricula, students in Grades Six and above are required to have laptops.

Recommended & Minimum Computer Configurations for Students

In general, a student is expected to come to campus with a functioning computer capable of accessing the internet. For students, our recommendations and minimum system requirements are meant to provide general guidelines on which computer configurations work best in the WPS computing environment.

Note: This online document is where you will find the most accurate recommendations. Any print materials you have could be out-of-date.

Recommended Configurations:

We recommend systems that meet or exceed the following specifications:

Operating System: Apple OS 10.15 (Catalina),

Processor (CPU): I5 or I7 (or equivalent)

Memory(RAM): 8 GB

Storage: 250 GB (SSD Preferred)

Network Adapter: 802.11ac 2.4/5 GHz wireless adaptor

Minimum Requirements:

We support the following minimum computer configurations which you can use to connect to the campus-wide network.

Note: The following lists minimum requirements that allow for network connectivity and other basic functions. ***If you are planning on purchasing a new computer, we suggest using the recommended configurations above.***

Operating System: Apple OS 10.11 (El Capitan), Windows 7 (SP1)

Processor (CPU): I3 or Intel Celeron

Memory(RAM): 4 GB

Storage: 120 GB (SSD Preferred)

Network Adapter: 802.11N (802.11B is not supported)

All students using Windows based computers must arrive on the first day of school with the following software (the school will not be supplying or installing this software). The software must not expire



during the school year without being renewed. Failure to maintain this software may result in the termination of the student's computer rights until the situation is resolved in order to maintain the safety and security of all users:

- (Windows only) Anti-Virus Software with a subscription that will not expire in the school year
- (Windows only) Anti-Spyware Software with a subscription that will not expire in the school year
- (Recommended) Parental Control Software – This software is a recommendation especially for our students in grades prior to High School. This allows the parent to control what software the student is allowed to use and when they may use it. NetNanny is an example of a service that has a paid subscription and www1.k9webprotection.com is a free alternative.

Families are responsible for all maintenance aspects of the laptops. If your child takes their laptop to a Windermere Preparatory School Teacher or Staff Member for assistance, Windermere Preparatory School assumes no liability for the condition of the laptop. Any actions taken by our staff are solely for the assistance of that child. Staff will not make physical changes to a laptop without permission from the Student or Parent.

Tablets/iPads: Adobe's Flash is a required component of several textbook publishers' software tools and is therefore a requirement at Windermere Preparatory School. Because of the current lack of Flash support on the iPad, students in Grades Six through Twelve coming to campus with an iPad will be unable to participate in some classroom activities. It is therefore advised that the computing device used on both Middle School and High School campus are laptops that meet the mentioned specifications.