

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) REQUIREMENTS GRADES 9-12

St. Mary's technology initiative requires all students in grades 9-12 to bring their own computer to school as their primary technology tool for academic use. This decision is a natural outgrowth of our nationally recognized curriculum innovation. Below please minimum specifications for computers compatible with the School's academic expectations.

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Rationale

St. Mary's Episcopal School believes in an environment where students are given opportunities to reach their individual potentials and become college-, career-, and citizen-ready. The School's use of digital technologies to improve student learning has become an integral part in fulfilling that mission.

Types of Computers

The device needs to be a laptop computer with a **full operating system**. The device needs network access to allow connection to a secured Wi-Fi network (802.11g or newer). These are the only devices currently compatible with Haiku, our learning management system.

Minimum Requirements for Laptop Computer- it is recommended, but not a requirement, that the Apple Extended Warranty (AppleCare) be purchased for Apple Computers. The warranty extends coverage from 1 year to 3 years.

| Platform & Estimated Cost | Operating System | Storage & Hard Drive Space | Memory | Network | REQUIRED Software |
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| PC – any brand \$500 - \$1200 depending on brand and processor | Windows 10 | 350 GB Hard Drive | 4GB RAM minimum <i>More is always better</i> | Wi-Fi capable | *Microsoft Office 365 is offered at no charge to students over 13 yrs of age. The software is the cloud version and requires access to the Internet to use. App is NOT downloadable to the computer. *Student version of Microsoft office can be purchased from Amazon •Sophos Antivirus (free download) •Malwarebytes (free download) |

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| Apple MacBook Air or Apple MacBook | Mojave OS | Minimum of 128 GB Flash storage <i>More is always better especially if storing a lot of photos</i> | 8 GB RAM minimum <i>More is always better</i> | Wi-Fi capable | *Microsoft Office 365 is offered at no charge to students over 13 yrs of age. The software is the cloud version and requires access to the Internet to use. App is NOT downloadable to the computer. *Student version of Microsoft office can be purchased from Amazon •Sophos Antivirus (free download) •Malwarebytes (free download) |
| Macbook and MacBook Pro DO NOT have standard connections ports. You may make the purchase of one of these, just be aware that your devices will need to be USB C compatible or used with an adapter | Sierra or High Sierra OS | Minimum of 128 GB Flash storage <i>More is always better</i> | 4-8 GB RAM minimum <i>More is always better</i> | Wi-Fi capable | •Microsoft Office Student version can be purchased from Amazon •Sophos Antivirus (free download) •Malwarebytes (free download) |

Acceptable Use

With any computer on campus, student-owned or school-provided, all students are expected to follow the Acceptable Use Policies published in the student handbooks.

Financial aid

The school has a limited supply of loaner computers that are available to students who have significant financial need as determined by School and Student Services (SSS). Please contact Nicole Hernandez, Director of Financial Aid, at (901) 537-1405 or via email at nhernandez@stmarysschool.org if you would like to request use of one of these computers for your daughter.