



## Bring Your Own Device

Minimum Device Requirements  
Episcopal School of Baton Rouge  
Grades 9-12

*Episcopal Upper School students are required to bring a laptop to school daily.  
The laptop must meet the minimum specifications below.*

<b>Operating System</b>	Windows 10 version 1909 or macOS 10.15: Catalina*  (NOT android, iOS, Linux, Surface RT, or chromebook due to software requirements)  <i>*Students must keep their OS updated during the year. Do this by running Windows Updates or Apple Software Updates frequently. Must not be more than 2 OS versions behind.</i>
<b>Processor</b>	Intel Core i5 minimum or AMD equivalent
<b>Memory</b>	4GB minimum; 8GB Recommended
<b>Hard Drive</b>	128 GB or better, SSD (Solid State Drive) preferred
<b>Wireless</b>	WiFi ready
<b>Battery Life</b>	6 hours
<b>Screen Size</b>	Nothing smaller than 10.8" diagonal
<b>Other</b>	Integrated Microphone & Camera
<b>Accessories</b>	Headphones/earbuds
<b>Software</b>	Office 365 is provided for free once the student has an established Episcopal Email Account. Google Suite products are also free with an established Episcopal Google Account.
<b>Other</b>	Students must have administrative rights to their computer so that they can install software and printers as needed while at school.

### **Why required BYOD in Upper School?**

- To help students become responsible for their own technology use.
- To give students choices for their best fit with regard to their technology use.
- To prepare students for the multi-platform experience of college life.
- To continue the 1:1 foundation from Middle School.
- To further integrate technology into the classroom experience.

### **What about other considerations for my device?**

- Device tracking - Apple's "[Find My Mac](#)", [Windows Find My Device](#), etc.
- Backup files by syncing to the cloud ([Google Drive file stream client recommended](#)). You should install this free after you have established your Episcopal Google Account.
- Additional AC power adapter (if you want one for school and one for home).
- We strongly recommend all students have a protective bag or sleeve to carry their device.
- Updated anti-virus/anti-malware protection. Many packages are available for students to download at home.
- Security: Must have a password (login) to access the device. This is responsible computing. (Students will be bound by the [Honor Code](#) and [Responsible Use Policy](#))
- Warranty: Accidental Damage Protection from manufacturer and/or extended warranty.

### **Do I have to purchase a new device?**

Not if your current device meets the minimum requirements.

### **Will the school register my student's laptop?**

The device will not be registered by the school, but the network and internet usage will be monitored and administered by the school while on campus. Students will log into a captive portal with their username and password to access the school WiFi.

### **Can I use an iPad, Surface RT, Chromebook, or another tablet or eReader in place of a laptop?**

No, these companion devices will not be considered the primary device under our BYOD program. Students are permitted to bring and use these as secondary devices at the discretion of the faculty. We require either a Windows laptop or MacBook. Mobile device models are inexpensive computing devices, and these mobile platforms unfortunately have the following issues:

- You cannot load software on them
- Not all publishers support them
- Some functionality with some learning tools may be impaired or not supported
- Mobile devices will not be adequate for all classes

**Will technical support be provided for my device?**

The family is solely responsible for the repair, maintenance, and updating of the device. The school's technology department will assist students in:

- Connecting the device to the school's wireless network, however the Help Desk is not able to give wireless support if the computer does not meet the minimum requirements listed or if the computer is not up to date with OS updates.
- Episcopal Help Desk is limited in the support we can provide for personal devices. We can only provide quick diagnostic overviews.
- For major or unknown issues it is the student's responsibility to use their normal support channel (Best Buy, Geek Squad, Genius Bar, Applecare, etc.)

**Are there course specific recommendations for devices?**

Our minimum specs meet most course requirements. Refer to Course Descriptions for further details if specific software is needed.

**Is the device required to have an Internet filter?**

While at school, personally-owned devices will connect through the same content filter as all school-owned computers. This fact, combined with our [Responsible Use Policy](#) and consistent instruction to students, aids us in preparing students to be good digital citizens.

If you have specific technical questions, please email our Help Desk. [Helpdesk@ehsbr.org](mailto:Helpdesk@ehsbr.org)