

7th / 8th Grade “Bring Your Own Device” (BYOD) Program Minimum System Requirements

Technology is incorporated into our Middle School curriculum on a daily basis and is designed to help prepare our students for the future. Students participate in our “Bring Your Own Device” program and bring their personal laptops to school each day.

Please use the following minimum system requirements guidelines when purchasing a laptop for the BYOD program.

Device (3 years or newer)

- Laptop, Notebook, MacBook, Chromebook
- 4 GB RAM
- a protective laptop case (not a backpack)

Operating System (OS)

- Windows 10 for Laptops
- OS X 10.12 or higher for MacBooks
- Chrome OS for Chromebooks

Wireless Internet Connectivity

- Wireless 802.11 n/ac

Ports

- USB
- VGA or HDMI

Battery

- At least 6-hour battery life

Other

- Headphones or earbuds

Software

- Recommended but not required: Microsoft Office 2016 (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) for laptops and MacBooks; Not available for Chromebooks.

- Google Docs, Sheets, Slides (web-based). Students will access these applications through their school Google accounts. Grace Episcopal Day School is a G Suite for Education school.
- School Gmail. Gmail accounts will be assigned to all new 7th and 8th graders prior to the beginning of the school year. Students will be expected to use this Gmail account for schoolwork only. Students will be unable to send or receive email from outside of the school's geds.net domain.
- Adobe Acrobat Reader (free software)
- Antivirus software with a current license (there are free options)
- Google Chrome web browser

Printer

- It is important that the student has access to a printer.
- Grace will not be responsible for printing student work.

Laptop Insurance

- If the parent wishes to have laptop insurance, the following websites are suggestions. Grace is not associated with these insurance companies and cannot vouch for their services.
 - www.safeware.com
 - www.worthavegroup.com

Liability and Responsibility

- Parents will be responsible for the maintenance and repairs of the student laptop.
- Students must comply with Grace Episcopal Day School Technology Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) as outlined in the Family Handbook found on the school website (geds.net).