

BYOD "Bring Your Own Device" Purchasing Guidelines for the 2020-2021 School Year



Laptop computers have been required for all high school students in Vail since 2013.

The District makes a "standard" laptop model available to all students, but many families prefer to purchase a laptop for their student to use. If this may be true for your family, we offer some guidance on the make and model of laptop so you can be assured it will work for your student and the classwork they will be completing.

Important: Beyond the laptop itself, no additional software purchase is required. The District will provide all necessary software to participate fully in the course of instruction. The school may install additional software on BYOD laptops. This is addressed in the AUP. The only exception to this is for Windows laptops, which will be required to have installed current anti-virus software. The District does not provide anti-virus software.

Laptop Options:

1. A Windows laptop purchased new since 2016 running Windows 10 home and above with at least 4GB of RAM and 64GB or more storage. The District strongly suggests purchasing from a "top-tier" vendor such as Dell, HP, Lenovo, or similar. Doing so will provide the most reliable experience and ease of use. As noted above, Windows computers will be required to have installed and maintained up-to-date anti-virus software. Laptops must support 5.0 GHz wireless. Some low-end Windows laptops do not have this support.
2. Any Apple laptop purchased new since 2016 will perform in a satisfactory manner for your student. 4GB Ram or more is recommended for best performance. Apple laptops must currently run version 10.13 or higher.
3. Use the school's Chromebook. No cost to you for your student to use it. We do highly recommend purchasing insurance for the school's Chromebook. Each school does offer insurance for school owned Chromebooks.
4. For various technical reasons, iPads, tablets, cell phones, personal Chromebooks, Windows "S" and Linux machines **are not supported and will not be permitted** for classroom use.