

Choosing a Student BYO Computer Device for 2025

Our recommended device is any new Windows 11, 2-in-1 device with stylus. Students with such devices have reported greater satisfaction with the BYOD program. Be aware however that devices branded with “CoPilot” or devices with an ARM or SnapDragon CPU can not be used as a BYOD device.

For all devices running Windows 11, the minimum specifications are:

Component:	Minimum Specification
Processor:	Intel CORE iSeries or AMD Ryzen CPU (not Celeron, Pentium or N series)
RAM:	8gb of RAM (16gb will improve performance)
Storage	240gb SSD
WiFi	Dual-band WiFi (sometimes marketed as WiFi6)
Battery:	Battery must provide at least 6 hours of continuous operation.

NOTE: Some subject areas recommend a higher processor and RAM due to the software being used. These subjects include Design and Film, Television and New Media.

Windows 10 devices must be upgraded to Windows 11 or they will no longer connect to the school network from October 2025.

A protective carry case for the device is a mandated requirement. This case must be used to carry the device at all times, including to and from class.

We continue to recommend that parents do not purchase additional third-party software. The free Windows Defender included with Windows 11 continues to provide the best antivirus protection for students’ usage. Office 365 is available for free to all EQ students through the Microsoft website.

Chromebooks, iPads and Android tablets can not be used as BYO devices