

1:1 Student Technology Initiative

Students are required to bring a computer device for their four years at Marquette High. Students bring their computers on the first day of school in August. MUHS uses a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) model that colleges and universities use. Students must bring a device that they own for use at school. This model provides the best scenario for students to learn in an environment that makes them comfortable. Requirements for the device can be found below or on the MUHS website: <http://www.muhs.edu/academics/11-student-technology-initiative/1-to-1-device-requirements>

1:1 Device Requirements

If you are buying a new device:

Chromebook: Most Chromebooks manufactured in 2018 or later will be sufficient. A Chromebook is the baseline device that MUHS requires. Please ensure the Chromebook has at least 4 GB of RAM (8 GB recommended).

Windows PC: Any Windows PC laptop you purchase today will be more than sufficient. There is a wide variety of PC laptops that you can purchase so the choice should be made based on the student's preference (screen size, weight, etc.). A Microsoft Surface Pro tablet (version 3 or 4) is an acceptable Windows laptop.

Apple MacBook: Any Mac laptop you purchase today will be more than sufficient. It can be a MacBook Air or MacBook Pro.

If you are bringing a device you already own:

Battery life: The battery of the device should last at least 4 hours. Your student should not need to plug in their device every hour in order for it to work. While we will have charging areas accessible to students they are not guaranteed to be able to charge their devices in the classroom. Students are responsible to make sure they have sufficient battery charge.

RAM: In general, the device should have a minimum of 6 GB of RAM. If you have a MacBook manufactured in the last three years then you will be OK. Windows PC's must have a minimum of 4 GB of RAM. 8 GB of RAM is preferable.

Wi-Fi access: Every device needs to be able to connect to a wireless network. This is generally not a problem for modern devices but if the device is older please ensure it has this capability.

Special note about iPads and similar tablets:

At this time, we do not recommend purchasing an iPad tablet. While these devices are great at the grade school level they do not meet our minimum requirements at the college prep level without significant workarounds. Your student is responsible for making sure they are able to complete their work on-time and correctly using their device. Teachers will not make special exceptions for students using iPads. Using an iPad will be difficult for most students to complete tasks. This warning does not include Microsoft Surface Pro tablets which are perfectly acceptable.

Purchasing

You may purchase these devices from whichever store gives you the best deal (online or in-store). We do not recommend any one particular vendor. At this time MUHS does not provide a purchasing program for these devices. MacBook and Surface Pro devices can be more costly and the Chromebook/standard Windows laptop devices will be inexpensive.

If you have any questions at all, including help verifying that a device will work, please contact Chris Oliva at oliva@muhs.edu or 414-933-7220, Ext. 3307.