



Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Guidelines

Stargate Secondary School is committed to providing all students with 21st century learning experiences, environment, resources, and skills. An essential element in supporting this commitment is adequate access to technology through our BYOD plan.

The BYOD laptop you purchase may be a Mac, PC, Cloudbook or Chromebook. A student may not use a desktop, thin client, tablet, or phone as their BYOD tool. The device must meet the following requirements:

- WiFi Capable - The device must be able to connect to the Internet through the school's wireless network
- Memory: 2 GB RAM or greater, and at least 100 GB of storage.
- Google Apps Compatible - The device must be able to support Google Apps (Gmail, Google Docs, Google Calendar, Google Classroom, etc.)
- Operating System - Windows 8 or newer, Mac OS 10.8 or newer, Chrome OS or Ubuntu 14.0.1 or newer
- Screen Size - 11.6 inch screen size or larger, measured diagonally Screen Resolution - 1024 x 768 resolution or better
- Anti-virus software
- Input Device Requirements - Wired keyboard and Mouse or Touchpad
- Battery life - Students will have access to charging stations outside of class, but will need an operable battery during class use. The minimum recommended battery life is four hours.
- Laptop must have a headphone input, and students must have headphones/earbuds

It is recommended that each student have a padded carrying case for each device. It is also recommended that you purchase a warranty/service plan directly from the vendor/manufacturer.

Each student is solely responsible for his/her own technology device(s). Students are to never leave a device unattended if unlocked and are advised not to share their device. Students are also responsible to ensure their device is at school every day, fully charged, properly updated, and virus free.

Stargate is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged devices and is not responsible to upkeep or update students' personal devices.

Every student will be required to sign a Digital Citizen Agreement the first week of school.

Although access to technology is always available, each teacher has discretion as to when technology is used in his/her classroom. Students are able to use their device during non-class time in common areas as long as they continue to abide by the Digital Citizen Agreement they will sign.

Student device backgrounds, screensavers, cases, and covers must be appropriate for the learning environment: images of violence, death, or suggestive behavior are not acceptable.