PROGRESSIVE ACADEMY

Laptop Purchase Guide

Grade 2 - Grade 3

Students may use a Chromebook or a Windows laptop. If you do buy a Chromebook, please note that they will need a Windows or Mac laptop once they get to Grade 4.

Here are some examples of suitable computers:
-Lenovo Chromebook 100E
-Acer 11.6" Chromebook (Intel Celeron N3060/ 32GB eMMC/4GB RAM/Chrome OS)
-ASUS E203 11.6" Laptop

Grade 4 - Grade 12

Students will need a Windows or Mac laptop. Chromebooks will not work as they are not able to run all of the programs that we use in school. While Macs are acceptable, we strongly advise against them for younger students, as things such as computers being dropped do happen.

Three important things to consider when purchasing a laptop (other than the physical size you want) are:

CPU (the brains of the laptop)
-For younger students who are primarily using their laptop for word processing and internet searching, the Intel Core i3 (or equivalent).
-Older students, especially those who are working with photo or music editing software, will want something more powerful such as the Intel Core i5 (or equivalent).

RAM (what allows you to work with more information at the same time)
-For younger students, 4GB will be fine.
-For older students, 8GB is recommended.

Storage
-A minimum of 256GB is recommended.

For younger students, these laptops are in the $300-$500 range and for older students in the $500-$800 range. They might be in short supply at local computer stores so also check out Amazon.

Here are some examples of suitable computers:
-Lenovo IdeaPad 15.6" Laptop (AMD E2-9000/500GB HDD/4 GB RAM/Windows 10)
-Lenovo V330 w/ AMD Ryzen 3 2200U, 4GB, 500GB HDD
-ASUS VivoBook 15.6" Laptop (AMD Dual Core R3-3200U/256GB SSD/8GB RAM/Windows 10)
-HP 14" Laptop (Intel Core i5-8265U/256GB SSD/8GB RAM/Windows 10)
-Lenovo IdeaPad L340 w/ Core™ i5-8265U, 8GB, 1TB HDD, 15.6in HD, Windows 10

Please label your laptop AND laptop charger.