



# Student Technology Recommendations

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Students will want to bring a new or recent fully featured laptop computer to campus. Nearly everything we do is cloud or web-based, so any reasonably new system that can run the Google Chrome browser and GSuite will be satisfactory.

## General information about student laptops:

1. Students should bring Apple or Windows laptops. Chromebooks will work for most students, but do have limitations. Laptops should be relatively new (no more than 2-3 years old) for best results. If buying new, a large hard-drive is recommended, as well as a minimum of 8GB ram.
2. All student laptops should have anti-virus/anti-malware software, like [Sophos Home](#), installed. The Frederick Gunn School does not provide this software.
3. All student laptops should be kept up-to-date by regularly installing updates.
4. We recommend that you have a service contract for your laptop. The IT staff will always try to help students with computer issues, but does not offer repair service.

## Productivity tools:

The Frederick Gunn School uses Google's GSuite. As such, each student will have a school-issued Google account to access their school email, calendar, word processing, and other tools. ***There is no need to purchase Microsoft Office.***

## Other Notes:

1. Video conferencing (like Zoom) may be needed (either for class or communicating with friends or family), so laptops must be outfitted with good sound and a webcam (either built in or usb).
2. Earbuds/headphones are also recommended. Better yet, a good headset with a microphone is optimal for use in a dorm room (and considerate to roommates).
3. Devices should be labeled -- please put your name on your personal property.
4. Though optional, an extra charger is often useful.

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