

Dear Secondary PCA Family,

All secondary students are required to provide their own device to be used while attending PCA.

BYOD Device Recommendations:

PCA's Bring Your Own Device program allows students and families to pick the right device for your child's needs. Below you will find our recommendations for students. **All devices should fulfil the following requirements:**

RAM: Minimum 4GB, Recommended 8GB or greater

Processor: Recommended i5 or similar

Storage: Minimum 128GB SSD, Recommended 250GB or greater SSD

Size: 10" or larger

Wireless Capability

Battery Life: 6+ hours, a full charge should be able to last most of the school day.

Touchscreen: 2-in-1 Devices are recommended, as many classes will utilize applications with handwriting features. Built in stylus support is recommended.

Security Updates: *All devices must be running an operating system that is still receiving security updates such as Windows 11 or Windows 10. Windows 8, Windows 7, and older Windows or other out of support operating systems are not permitted.*

Recommendations: Below are some device recommendations. These are only recommendations and not a definitive list.

Lenovo Flex 5: <https://amzn.to/2WP9m5V>

Microsoft Surface Pro: <https://www.amazon.com/New-Microsoft-Surface-Pro-Touch-Screen/dp/B07YNJGMH6>

HP Envy x360-15t: <https://amzn.to/3jDV1Dp>

Minimum acceptable specs – Lower price/performance

Lenovo 300e (2nd Gen): <https://amzn.to/B09YCT93MZ> (Small Storage)

Microsoft Surface Go 2: <https://www.amazon.com/B086QQNRT4/> (Weak Processor)

A note on non-Window Devices: Windows devices are supported and recommended. Apple and ChromeBook products are not recommended, technically unsupported, and will only receive limited best-effort support. However, we understand that some households may already have these devices in their homes and would like to avoid making another large purchase. Apple Products and ChromeBook Devices are only forbidden if they are no longer receiving security updates. We are NOT equipped to provide hardware triage for Apple or ChromeBook products and suggest all families contact the device manufacturer, such as the Genius Bar at their local Apple Store for hardware problems. Local third-party support options are also available. Students will still receive help with school-related software needs.