Subject: BYOAD Requirements

Audience: Rising 7th-12th Grade Families

To ensure that our students have a more sound transition and experience with our BYOAD initiative we have developed a set of basic requirements that each approved device should meet. In addition, we have included several recommended devices as well as accessories to support their academic and creative endeavors.

Lastly, please note that your students will not need to purchase any additional software. We will provide student with Microsoft Office 365, which covers five devices. Please see the **Purchase Programs** below for additional discounts on devices.

The Basics:

Recommended Devices:

Apple	Microsoft	Google
Apple Apple		
MacBook Apple	Microsoft Surface 3	Dell Chromebook 11
MacBook Pro	Microsoft Surface Pro 3	HP Chromebook 14 Touch
Apple MacBook Air	Dell XPS 13	
Apple iPad Air		

Supported Platforms:

Apple	Microsoft	Google
OS X 10.9 (Mavericks)	Windows 7	Chrome OS 41 and Later
OS X 10.10 (Yosemite)	Windows 8 and 8.1	Android Lollipop and Later
iOS 8 and Later	Windows 10	

Hardware Minimums:

Device	Tablet	Surface/Laptop	Chromebook
RAM	1 GB	4 GB	2 GB
Storage	16 GB	64 GB	16 GB
Wireless	A, G, and/or N		
Screen Size	9.7"		

RAM: Imagine that 1GB is equal to 10 seats in your car. The more seats you have the more people you can carry at any given time. RAM works the same way; the more RAM you have the more Apps/Applications can run at any given time. This is essential for those whom multi-task and/or use resource intensive programs such as Adobe Creative Cloud[i] and AutoDesk.

Storage: The more the merrier. Storage is essential for saving Apps/Applications, Documents, Updates, and Multi-Media. It is important to understand the amount of storage that your student currently uses to make a more informed purchase when selecting a new device. The check device storage usage please see these guides:

> *iPad*
> Check how much storage you have available – Tap **Settings > General > Usage**
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> Check what is using your space – Tap **Settings > General > Usage > Manage**
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> *MacBook*
> Check how much storage you have available and what is using it – **Click Apple Icon > About this Mac > Storage**
>
> *Windows*
> Check how much storage you have available – *Go to **My Computer > Right Click C: > Properties***

Recommended Accessories:

> **Device Sleeve** – This will provide an added layer of protection for the device while in student's backpacks and lockers.
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> **Accidental Protection** – Accidents happen and we want your family to be prepared. Many of the relationships we are working out with our partners will offer competitive device protection to better ensure your students get the most out of their devices when they need them the most.
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> **Extra Charger** – Our lives are high pace and we often forget to charge our devices. Students should be prepared to for that day.
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> **Keyboard for Surface or Tablet** – The keyboard is an essential component for typing productivity and the students should equip themselves with a keyboard that is comfortable to them.