

Bring Your Own Device Technology Policy



2017-2018 Academic School Year

West Sound Academy is committed to capitalizing on the learning potential provided by technology. After much research and discussion WSA has implemented a Bring Your Own Device policy aid in this effort.

The impetus behind this decision includes:

- Applications accessed by a web browser, like Google Docs, eliminate the need to have specific hardware.
- Cloud based computing allows students to access their information from any computer with a web browser.
- Increased opportunities for in-class computing will aid our students in becoming information producers rather than information consumers.

Every WSA student is required to have a laptop computer available to them for use at school and home. Many different laptop computers will meet the essential system requirements listed below. The choice of brand and any additional features is in the hands of the family.

Although laptop computers will not used in every class, every day, students are expected to have their laptops on campus during school hours. Students are responsible to ensure their laptop is charged and ready to go.

Personal laptop use at WSA is governed by the Digital Citizenship policy outlined in the Student Handbook. The student is responsible for following this policy. In addition, the school's network filters will be applied to the student's Internet connection, which shall be limited to the free wireless access provided by the school.

While WSA provides a safe and respectful environment, WSA assumes no liability for the security and safe-keeping of the laptop computer.

Hardware

Laptop computer with the following capabilities.

OS: Windows 8 or newer, Apple OSX 10.9 or newer.

Wireless connectivity

Battery powered capability with Power cord available if needed.

Protective case or carry-all

Visibly labeled with student's name.

Software

Microsoft Office – Word, Excel, PowerPoint are provided by WSA

Web browser – IE: Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox

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