

CLHS Bring-Your-Own-Device Policy

Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, students at CLHS are expected to have a student-owned computing device available for use in class. It is up to the individual instructor as to how devices will be used in their classrooms. Not every instructor will use the devices on a daily basis, but only when it enhances the learning experience in some way.

For the past decade, CLHS has been a GAFE (Google Apps for Education) School. GAFE is a service Google provides free to accredited schools. GAFE is a suite of tools that includes collaborative word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, websites, and drawings. Student and teacher use of these and other technologies have made it increasingly difficult to schedule time to use the computer lab and mobile cart here at school. The cost of devices has come down considerably (New Chromebooks start at \$160, sale prices can bring them lower still.), to the point where we feel it is reasonable to expect students to have a device as a part of their school supplies.

Functionality of Devices

The goal of any device is to be usable in a variety of contexts. Because of this it is recommended to purchase a device that is durable and has a long battery life. It will need to **handle the rigors of student life on campus. It is wise to discuss the specifications of any device** under consideration with the chosen vendor, who will help in the difficult balance between cost, efficiency, and robust performance (i.e. consider specifications as well as cost when purchasing).

The main use of devices in class often centers around the use of word processing, spreadsheet, and presentation tools, along with a web browser (the student management system on campus is accessed through a web browser). Access to a modern web browser is a requirement.

Please note: *Google Apps for Education* is web-based and is free to all instructors and students at CLHS. It includes word processing, spreadsheet, and presentation tools.

Recommended Devices

CLHS does not publish a recommended device list for students to choose from. You are free to choose the specific model/brand you desire along with insurance and/or service agreements through your vendor. However, if you don't already own an acceptable device, a Chromebook may be the most cost effective way to meet the requirement.

Frequently Asked Questions

Does my student's smart phone meet this requirement?

No. While a powerful and amazing tool, smart phones are not as effective at producing the type of work students will be doing in the classroom and will not be permitted to be used in the classroom.

How do I know if my student's device (Laptop, tablet, netbook, Chromebook) is acceptable?

The majority of student work is done browsing the Web or using GAFE. If you are able to browse, type, and edit documents without frustration, then the device will be acceptable.

Is there financial assistance available for families who can't afford a device?

Our school administration is very understanding of family financial situations. Families requiring aid to purchase a device for their child should speak to our superintendent for help.