Required Device Policy

Effective, appropriate technology tools are an integral part of learning at Brooks School. In 2024-2025, all students must bring a laptop for use in classes, the brand and specs of which are up to the student's family. Current personal student technology consists of 98% Macintosh OS (most devices are MacBook Airs), and 2% Windows laptops.

Recommendations:

- The device should be an Apple laptop running MacOS or any brand laptop running Windows 10 or Windows 11.
- The device should be purchased in the United States and have a warranty to facilitate repairs in case of failure.
- The device should be less than three years old. This allows for a modern operating system and less likelihood of failure during the academic year.
- Each student should have full administrator access to their device, providing them the necessary privilege to install academic software.

Our vision is that all of our students will learn to manage digital tools in powerful and ethical ways to meet their educational goals and further their understanding of the world. We don't load up on technology for technology's sake; we work hard to ensure that the most effective and appropriate technology tools are available to our students. As a result, we aim for our students to be savvy, informed, and respectful technology users.

Teachers and courses will differ as to the nature and degree of portable device usage. No software is required but students will need a way of writing papers, using spreadsheets, and making presentations. We are a Google Workspace for Education school, we encourage the utilization of the Google Apps productivity suite including Docs, Sheets, and Slides. We have all the infrastructure in place to assure seamless use of all of our technology. In addition to assignment-based instruction from teachers in class, there is adult and peer technical assistance available in the Henry Luce Library throughout the school year.

Questions about appropriate devices should be directed to the Office of Information Technology via email rdobbins@brooksschool.org or 978-725-6256.

Sincerely,

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