BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Information

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The Upper School at Woodward Academy requires that every student bring their own device each day to support our faculty in facilitating a 21st-century classroom experience. Woodward Academy strongly believes this consistent use of technology, under the guidance of our teachers, will ensure our students have access to a diverse repertoire of tools and resources to nurture academic success, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. Our goal is that this BYOD program will further enhance our students' education and prepare them to be better stewards of technology in the future.

Some of the benefits of this program include the following:
- Increased opportunities for digital collaboration with teachers and peers.
- Ability to personalize learning
- Access to digital resources during class
- The development of foundational digital and computer literacy competencies

Laptop Requirements

The Woodward BYOD program requires the use of a fully functional laptop with the Microsoft Windows or Apple OSX operating system. Front facing camera/webcam ability is also required in the event that teachers need to hold class virtually. Chromebooks and other Chrome OS devices are not supported due to software requirements including Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Cloud, and antivirus applications.

	Recommended	Minimal
Operating System	Windows 10 OSX 10.15 Catalina	Windows 10 OSX 10.12 Sierra
Processor	64-bit (Intel i5 or i7)	64-bit (Intel i3, AMD)
Memory	8GB or 16GB	4GB
Hard Drive	Solid State Drive (SSD) 256GB	Standard Hard Drive (HDD) 128GB
WiFI	802.11 a/g/n/ac	802.11 a/g/n
Battery Life	8 hours runtime, 30 seconds or less startup and resume	8 hours runtime, 30 seconds or less startup and resume
Web Browser	Chrome	Safari, Firefox, Microsoft Edge
Anti-Virus	Sophos, Avast, Antivir	Windows Defender, AVG

Software Applications & Information

Microsoft Office - Please note that as a part of our Microsoft licensing agreement, we can provide Microsoft Office to our students, free of charge. We will provide additional instructions to access and install the Microsoft Office applications at the start of school.

Adobe Creative Cloud: Some programs require specific Adobe applications on the student's device. As part of our agreement with Adobe, we can offer students in these classes Adobe the required applications free of charge. We will provide additional instructions to access and install the Adobe applications to the students attending classes that require the software.

Antivirus: All student laptops must have antivirus software installed and up to date at all times. Anti-malware is also recommended to keep systems performing correctly. Note that some antivirus software such as Norton, McAfee, and Webroot may interfere with WiFi connectivity.

VPN & Proxy Software: Student use of VPN or Proxy software used in attempts to circumvent web filter policies will be automatically flagged and sent to the Upper School administration and will result in disciplinary actions. If a student is having a problem accessing school-related content on the Woodward network, they should bring their device into the Helpdesk for assistance.

At Home Parental Control: There are many programs available for parental controls, and unfortunately, there is no "one size fits all" solution when it comes to parental controls. So much depends on the age of the student and what the parents are hoping to manage (content, screen time, etc.). Both Windows and Mac Operating Systems have built-in parental controls. Here is some information for each:

- [Windows 10 parental controls](#)
- [macOS Mojave Parental Controls (from Apple)](#)
- [macOS Step-by-Step Instructions (from Apple Insider)](#)

In addition to the built-in programs, there are three recommended programs our parents use: Qustodio, Habyts, and Disney Circle. Below are links to two articles that give overviews on several different programs. We recommend you look these over as well since there may be a feature that you require that the others don't have.

- [TechRadar on Parental Control Software for 2019](#)
- [PC Magazine comparison of Parental Control Software](#)