

Bring Your Own Device Technology Policy

2021-2022 Academic School Year



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

The advantages of having this policy in place include:

- 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.

All students will have access to Google Docs and other Google Apps. Families can choose to purchase and install other office software on their student's laptop if they wish. Google Chrome is the required browser to use on campus for Chromecast purposes.

Although laptop computers will not be 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; and to bring their own power cord to school every day. Please label laptops and power cords with your child's name.

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 10 or newer, Apple OSX 10.13 or newer.

Wireless connectivity

Battery powered capability with Power cord available if needed

Web camera and audio enabled

Protective case or carry-all, visibly labeled with student's name

Chromebooks are acceptable