

SMCA BYOD Recommendations

SMCA recommends either an Apple device, name-brand Android-based device, or a regular-sized laptop.

Students that have used an Apple product did not have any major issues with functionality during the BYOD program.

The recommendation of the name-brand Android devices comes from the previous years' experience of non-brand name devices not keeping up with the students' needs in the classroom.

SMCA does not recommend an Amazon Fire tablet of any type as it was quickly seen that while fire tablets did well with web browsing, they had trouble reading e-textbooks, did not have all necessary apps, and could not meet the needs for other assignments.

Laptops are now able to be used with the BYOD program. Other than the specifications listed below SMCA recommends a laptop with a 16 inch screen or smaller so the student can comfortably fit the laptop and anything else needed on a desk.

If a student uses a tablet, a keyboard should be purchased for the device to make typing assignments and general use easier.

Please note that the recommendations listed below are recommendations not requirements for the BYOD program. A student can bring in any device, try it out and if it does not work as well as intended purchase a different device.

Android Brands Recommended

Samsung

Acer

Recommended Android Specs

16 GB or more storage space

Dual or Quad Core Processor

Laptop Recommendations

Windows 10 Operating System

Processor: Intel i3 Dual Core, AMD E2/A4 Dual Core (Equivalent or better)

RAM: Minimum 4GB

Battery: Recommended Minimum of 5 hours

500GB Hard Drive