



Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Grades 7 – 12

Our vision is that New Life Academy students acquire the skills necessary to select and manage digital tools that will empower them in all phases of the learning process, including research, problem solving, content creation, communication, and collaboration.

Students will be responsible for bringing a personally owned laptop to connect to the school's Wi-Fi network for the purpose of education. To fully allow teachers to integrate technology into their classroom, it is important that students' personal computing devices meet the minimum device requirements for both connection to the school Wi-Fi network and for the device to be functional as an aid to learning.

New Life Academy has embedded significant emphasis on the integration of technology into learning programs in Grades 7 – 12, and the use of a personal computing device is critical to allow these initiatives to continue.

BYOD Minimum System Specifications		
	<i>Windows PC</i>	<i>MacBook Laptop (Air or Pro)</i>
Storage Capacity	64 GB hard drive	64 GB hard drive
Operating System	Windows 10 or higher	OS 10.14 or higher
Minimum Battery Life	Four hours	Four hours
Required Accessories	Camera and microphone Protective case/cover Headphones	Camera and microphone Protective case/cover Headphones
Approximate Cost	\$350 and up + accessories	\$950 and up + accessories
Wireless	802.11abgn or 802.11ac	802.11abgn or 802.11ac
Office 365 should be loaded on the computer. This can be done for Free with the student Office 365 account. To learn how, view the video in the Resource – Tech Help tab of Parent Veracross.		

While we do recommend a PC or Mac laptop, some families choose to use a Chromebook. We have found that the lower end Chromebooks (typically under \$200) do not last or function very well. These devices have trouble staying connected to Wi-Fi, and most of the functionality is based on internet connection.

iPad/Tablet – we have not fully tested all of our online curriculum and Schoology needs on tablets, but if you have a newer device with a keyboard attachment, you should be able to navigate most requirements and assignments. Students in art or tech classes that use Adobe products will need to have a Mac or PC to load that software.

Device Rental

If a student's computer is in need of repair, the student may use a school-owned device. Please note there is limited availability of devices and students are not guaranteed that a computer will be available. These school computers should be considered as a short-term solution for students. Students may not bring a school-owned device home.