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Guide to Choosing a Personal Device

GHS uses **web-based apps and resources** for learning meaning **most* internet-connected devices can be used as a student's personal device** if they meet the following criteria.

*As a minimum, a personal device must:

- **be able to connect to 802.11n 5GHz wifi,**
  (older devices may only connect to 2.4Ghz, but can have a 5GHz dongle added to update connectivity)
- **have a physical keyboard,**
  (iPads or other tablets require a separate physical keyboard, not the on-screen keyboard)
- **have at least 6 hours of battery life,**
  (older devices may need to have their battery replaced if they no longer hold good charge)
- **have a screen at least 9.7″ or larger.**

Mobile phones (even large screen varieties) are *not* suitable personal devices.

Before you buy…

Repurposing an existing or unused device is a great option!

Before rushing out to buy a new device, first check if any of the devices you already own meet the personal device guidelines. Besides the savings cost, using an existing device also means your child is using a platform they are already familiar with. Web-based apps means most devices will work! Remember, a personal device is *optional*.

Suitable devices include:
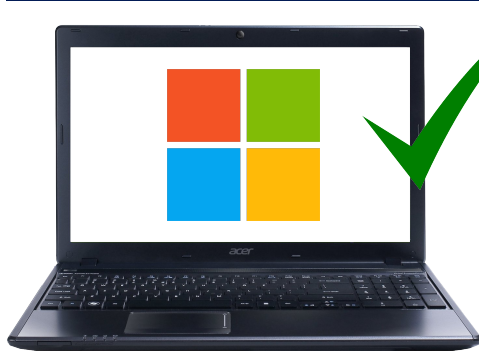
Windows Laptops	Chromebooks	Mac Laptops	iPads, Surfaces & other tablets
Pros: Most commonly used platform in schools, homes and businesses. **Cons**: Can be expensive depending on configuration.	**Pros**: Most affordable "new" option. **Cons**: Rely on a constant internet connection, which can be problematic in some homes.	**Pros**: Large suite of bundled software, high level of user-friendliness. **Cons**: Are at the most expensive end of options.	**Pros**: Relatively affordable or exist in many homes already. **Cons**: Often require a physical keyboard accessory.

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