Bishop Hendricken - Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Laptop Policy 2026-2027

Introduction

Bishop Hendricken's BYOD policy requires all new incoming students to bring a personal laptop to school. The goal is to support a personalized learning experience that integrates personal devices into classroom activities while maintaining the security and privacy of all students.

Scope

This policy applies to all new students enrolled at Bishop Hendricken from 8th to 12th grade. It includes guidelines for both students and parents/guardians to follow regarding the use of personal laptops on school grounds.

Device Requirements

- **Supported Device Types**:
  - Windows Laptop that meets the specifications outlined
  - Apple MacBook Pro | MacBook Air that meets the specifications outlined
- **Not Supported Device Types:**
  - Chromebook
  - iPads with Keyboards

Device Software	
	Supported Software Options
Operating System	Windows 11 Pro or Enterprise - Version 25H2
	macOS Sequoia - Version 15.7
Anti-virus | anti-malware	Windows Defender
	Bitdefender
	Symantec

Device Hardware		
	Minimum	**Recommended**
Processor (CPU)	Intel Core i5 or AMD Ryzen 5 (8th Gen or newer)	Intel Core i7 or AMD Ryzen 7 (10th Gen or newer)
RAM	16 GB	32 GB
Storage	256 GB SSD	512 GB to 1 TB SSD
Display	13” Full HD (1920 x 1080)	
Video	Integrated graphics (e.g., Intel UHD or AMD Vega	Dedicated GPU (e.g., NVIDIA GTX/RTX or AMD Radeon
Battery	5-6 hours of battery life for typical workday use.	8+ hours for all-day portability
Ports and Connectivity	USB-C port | Wi-Fi 6 support | Bluetooth 5.0	
Camera and Microphone:	720p webcam and integrated microphone	

- **Device Labeling**:
  Each device must be clearly labeled with the student’s name and grade.

Acceptable Use of Devices

- Please reference the student handbook for acceptable use.

Security & Safety

- **Password Protection**:
  Students are responsible for setting up and maintaining a secure password on their devices. The school requires enabling Multi-factor Authentication (MFA) for extra security. ****All students are required to have an android or apple mobile phone device with the Microsoft Authenticator application installed during school hours to support MFA. ****
- **Antivirus/Anti-Malware Software**:
  Students laptop devices are required to have a active antivirus | malware software subscription install and configured to regularly update in order to protect their devices from viruses and malware.
- **Lost or Stolen Devices**:
  The school is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged devices. In the event of loss or theft, students must immediately report it to the school's administration and local authorities if applicable.
- **Monitoring**:
  The school reserves the right to monitor network usage to ensure compliance with the Acceptable Use Policy. Devices may be checked for appropriate content and usage if needed.
- **Endpoint Protection**:
  The school reserves the right to install an enterprise grade endpoint protection software client of the student's laptop to help protect student laptops from cyber threats.

Restrictions

- **Games and Entertainment**:
  Games, social media apps, and streaming services should not be accessed during school hours unless explicitly authorized by a teacher for educational purposes or structured teacher supervised club events such as esports.
- **Inappropriate Content**:
  Any device used for accessing inappropriate content, including but not limited to explicit material, is subject to disciplinary action.
- **Device Sharing**:
  Devices should only be used by the student to whom they belong. Sharing devices with other students is discouraged unless it is part of a class activity.

Compliance and Disciplinary Action

Failure to comply with the BYOD policy may result in the following actions:

- Verbal or written warning
- Temporary confiscation of the device
- Removal of the device from the network
- Further disciplinary action as outlined in the student code of conduct

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This policy will be reviewed annually and may be updated as technology and educational needs evolve.