



THE ROCK SCHOOL

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2024-2025 Technology Requirements

Grade 12 - Bring Your Own Laptop

Students will continue to use their personal laptops.

Grade 11 - MacBook Laptop Required

All students must have a personal MacBook laptop to use daily at school.

MacBook purchases are the responsibility of the student's family.

Why Mac?

Apple's MacBooks are the most user-friendly devices on the market. They require little technical expertise to maintain and need fewer updates than other devices. They retain resale value and typically have a longer lifespan than non-Apple devices. The Rock School is an Apple technology campus, so teachers will be better able to assist students during class if they need help with their MacBooks. For students, they are easy to understand and operate, behaving similar to iPads and iPhones with which they may already be familiar. Lastly, Apple provides powerful, built-in parental controls to help limit students' screen time and protect children from inappropriate online content.

What specs are required?

Even the most inexpensive MacBook currently available from Apple (MacBook Air) with minimum specs is perfectly fine for school use. If you plan to use an older Apple MacBook, please ensure that it is running MacOS version 13 (Ventura) or later. The most current MacOS at the time of this writing is version 14 (Sonoma) and is preferred.

What specs are optional?

More expensive options like additional hard drive space, more powerful graphics, and additional memory (RAM) are nice to have, but not required. NOTE: If your student plans to pursue graphics & video editing interest in college, investing in a MacBook with more memory and more powerful graphics may be helpful.

Grades 9 & 10 - School iPad Rental (\$150/year)

School iPad issued to students during first week of school.

Managed and monitored by the school using a school-assigned Apple ID (not a personal ID).

\$150 technology rental fee will be billed annually to FACTS accounts.

A \$650 replacement fee will be billed for any iPads that are lost or not returned.

See the full Acceptable Use Agreement at www.therocklions.com/handbook.

Questions? Contact helpdesk@therock.school