



# **Why Bring Your Own Device?**

Instructional technology enhances learning and strengthens students' abilities by equipping them with 21st Century skills, including collaboration, communication, creativity, and critical thinking. We want our students to leave Brook Hill prepared for college and beyond in this area. To increase practice with these important skills, The Brook Hill School requires 9th-12th grade students to Bring Your Own Device, BYOD.

### Requirements

- Every student (9th-12th grade) is responsible for having a device (with a keyboard) each day capable of completing required schoolwork.
- A cell phone is not considered an acceptable device.
- The device must be charged fully each day.
- No VPN installation is allowed to use campus Wi-Fi.
- Students and parents must sign the BH Digital Code of Ethics.
- Install anti-virus software, such as Norton, McAfee, or ESET.

### **CHROMEBOOKS ARE NOT ALLOWED.**

PSAT AND AP TESTS <u>REQUIRE</u> EITHER A WINDOWS OR APPLE DEVICE FOR TESTING PURPOSES.

## **Recommendations**

- Purchase protection plans, if offered, when your purchase your student's device.
- Purchase appropriate cases to protect the device.

If you intend to purchase a new device, we recommend using the information on the following page as a guide. These are not the ONLY options, but any new device purchased should meet the basic specifications mentioned.

#### Mac OS:

Any of these products purchased NEW will work:

- MacBook Air, MacBook, or MacBook Pro.
- iPads are allowed but should have a keyboard and be able to run iOS 15 or greater.
- Must download Office 365 apps (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.)

#### **Windows OS:**

Please note that as a student at Brook Hill, you already have access to Office 365 and do not need to purchase this in addition to a device.

Minimum Specs	Base Windows Example	Mid-Tier Example
Quad Core Processor, i5, or Ryzen 5	Laptop Computer, 16GB LPDDR5 RAM Laptop 512GB NVMe SSD, Intel Quad-Core N100, 15.6 Inch	HP - 840 G8 14" 1920 x 1080 (Full HD) Laptop
16 GB Memory 256 GB Solid SSD drive	1080P IPS Display Windows 11 Pro Laptops, WiFi 6, BT 5.2, RJ45 Ethernet, Fingerprint, USB Type- C	Intel Core i5 with 16GB Memory 256GB Solid State Drive
	\$349.99	\$653

