THE FSS “BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE” PROGRAM

Friends Select has implemented a BYOD, “Bring Your Own Device,” program. The “Bring Your Own Device” program has been very beneficial to students and has enhanced the already rich educational environment of Friends Select. By bringing their own devices students are able to configure their electronic learning environment to fit their own learning style. The electronic device as a tool becomes a very efficient aid to learning. The program requires students 6th through 12th grade to bring their own computing device to school for use on the school network. Any family who believes it cannot meet this requirement should contact the director of middle school or the director of upper school.

APPROVED DEVICES FOR FSS “BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE” PROGRAM

Functional requirements

All devices must be able to:

- Connect securely to the FSS Internet wireless network.
- Connect to the FSS Remote Terminal Server, access the Internet and display Web content.
- Enable students to print and enter information efficiently and easily (i.e., take notes, write documents and reports, etc.). An iPad, Chromebook or mobile device would not be ideal.

Minimum Technical Recommendations

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<td>CPU</td>
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<td>128GB Flash Storage (Preferably 250GB or more). Access to Google Drive will expand storage capabilities.</td>
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| Operating System                | Windows 7 or Higher (preferably Windows 10) or Mac OS 10.10x or Higher
* We are no longer supporting Chromebooks for BYOD |
| WiFi                             | 802.11 g/n (Preferably 802.11ac)                     |
| Battery Life                     | Should be able to endure most of the day (4-5 hours) |
| Anti-Virus Software             | ESET NOD32 Anti-Virus or McAfee Anti-Virus Software |
Current devices that meet these requirements/recommendations include:

- Windows laptops
- MacBook laptops

**FACTORS TO CONSIDER WHEN DECIDING ON A DEVICE**

**Windows Laptops / MacBook Laptops**

Windows laptops and MacBook laptops both work equally well with the FSS network, so choosing either Windows or Mac is really a matter of family and personal preference. However, the Windows laptops are more affordable and flexible when it comes to hardware upgrades.

If you have any questions, or need purchasing advice, please feel free to contact a member of the FSS IT department listed below. We will be more than happy to assist you in making the best decision for your family.

Thank you,

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