Laptop Program

Our 1:1 laptop program at the Middle and Upper Divisions allows teachers to incorporate a wide variety of software applications and tools into their curricula. All students in Grades 5-12 and all teachers have their own state-of-the-art laptop computers for use at school and home. Students in the Lower Division have access to classroom computers and iPads.

Purchasing a Laptop

All Middle Division students are issued a Chromebook for use at school.

Grades 9-12 students are required to have a Windows 11 or newer laptop or an Apple MacBook (macOS Sequoia 14 or newer). All new students bring computers to one of the BootCamp events during orientation for configuration and installation of software. Stevenson's software suite includes: Windows, macOS, Adobe Creative Cloud, Sophos endpoint protection and Google Workspace. Students may use iPads or other tablets as a secondary device, but these will not suffice as a primary computer. Students on significant financial aid (85% or more) are provided a laptop from the Tech Center to use throughout the academic year.

Upper Division FAQs

What software is provided to Stevenson students?

All students are provided the following software: for both Windows and Apple computers: MacOS, Microsoft Windows, Adobe Creative Cloud, Sophos Endpoint protection, G-Suite

Are boarding students permitted to use desktop computers in the dorm rooms?

All students are required to have a laptop that can be used in the classroom. Desktop computers are allowed in the dorms as a second computer with screens limited to a maximum of 27 inches. Additionally, we only support WiFi in the dorms. There are no wired Ethernet ports for students in the dorm rooms.

What software should be downloaded before arrival at school?

Stevenson provides an entire suite of software. These applications will be installed at our bootcamp in August.

Will Linux work at Stevenson?

Currently, Linux is not compatible with our network security requirements and therefore is not supported on the Stevenson network.

Are students permitted to use tablets for class?

An iPad or tablet with appropriate software and updates will connect to the Stevenson network. However, screen size and lack of keyboard may make a tablet impractical as a sole computer.

How are data and programs backed up?

Students should have an external hard drive or cloud storage such as Google, iCloud or OneDrive to store copies of important files. External hard drives, USB flash drives (also known as thumb drives) will also provide temporary storage and help move large files from computer to computer. Each student has storage on Google Drive provided with their Stevenson account but it is limited to 500Mb of data.

What insurance is needed for student computers?

We suggest that computers be included on parents' homeowners or rental insurance policies and that serial numbers be recorded at home.

Lower/Middle Division FAQs

Overview

Students in Grades 2-8 on the Carmel Campus are issued a Lenovo Chromebook to support their learning. Computers in Grades 5-8 are allowed to be taken home each school day.

Questions about the laptop program can be directed to Adil EchChahi
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Does the Upper Division have the same laptop program?

Because the Upper Division campus has an international population of more than 500 boarding and day students, in addition to other dynamics that differ from the Carmel Campus, we will continue supporting the current mixed-platform laptop program. As the technology applications advance in conjunction with our the option to choose a laptop make and model based on their needs and interests.

What can students do to provide better protection for their laptops?

As part of the Chromebook program, students in Grades 5-8 only take Chromebooks home. Additional cases may be purchased for the Lenovo 500e Chromebook online.

What happens if my student damages the computer?

Each school owned Chromebook has a warranty to cover most incidental damage. If a student loses or significantly damages a Chromebook they will be required to pay the cost to replace it. **Note that accidental damage – such as screen breakage – is not covered.**

Does Stevenson teach my child about safe computer use outside of school?

As part of the laptop program and the Community Citizenship curricula in Middle Division, students explore themes of digital safety and security, research, kindness and respect, digital footprint, creativity and screen time. Students learn how to change settings on their laptops to minimize distractions such as pop-ups, messaging, and volume controls. Middle grade students also engage in an ongoing dialogue with their teachers and peers about what is working and what is not, and support is provided to work through tech challenges.

Why does the laptop program begin in Grade 5?

With the adoption of Grade 5 into the Middle Division program, and with the extra responsibilities and skills empowered to students in the STEM and humanities programs, we believe that Grade 5 students are ready and capable to enter into the laptop program.