Lockerby Composite School

Laptop Program: Minimum Computer Specifications

Minimum Requirements

Our courses utilize advanced software therefore students will require a PC or Apple computer. Please note that I-Pads, Android tablets, Chromebooks, and the like are not an adequate substitute for a laptop because they are not capable of running some of the powerful programs we use in our unique program.

We recommend a laptop with a screen size of 13" or more and a minimum 8GB of RAM. The processor can be as low as a Core i3. A used laptop meeting these specifications is welcomed. Students will have ample room on the GAFE cloud for storage so hard-drive size is not a critical factor.

We also suggest purchasing an extended warranty and buying or leasing from a local vendor who offers a replacement laptop should yours ever fail.

Accessories

For Health and Safety reasons, laptops must be carried in briefcase-style laptop bags no larger than: 50cm long, 40cm high, 20cm thick. Backpack bags are not permitted because for safety reasons, all students must keep backpacks in lockers.

Software

Lockerby uses a wide variety of free, publicly available software in our laptop program, therefore no software purchases are required.