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Carrollwood Day School recognizes that access to technology in school gives students greater opportunities to learn, engage, communicate, and develop skills that will prepare them for college, work, life, and citizenship. We are committed to helping students develop 21st-century technology and communication skills.

Technology resources at Carrollwood Day School are provided to support the school's educational mission. The School's goal for a 1:1 device program is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, research, creativity, communication, increased productivity, and mobile learning. Technology is viewed as a tool to help promote knowledge creation and increase skills such as critical problem-solving, communication, and collaboration.

All Carrollwood Day School students, teachers, and administrators have access to the appropriate technology resources and infrastructure necessary to support learning, teaching, and leading.
The **Carrollwood Day School Responsible Use Policy** outlines the guidelines and behaviors that all students and staff are expected to follow when using computing devices on the school campus and network.

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Recommendations and Specifications

Our BYOD recommendations support the school's mission and inspire creativity and hands-on learning. Our recommended devices are easy to integrate into the curriculum and promote educational excellence.

Students must choose to bring any device listed, but please ensure that the devices are able to provide a consistent Internet connection, support the installation of required grade-level curriculum applications, and provide access to school-related websites and portals. Our BYOD device recommendations allow the best chance for your student to succeed with technology in the classroom.

BYOD Ownership

Student devices are the property and responsibility of the student and his/her family. Insurance (against damage, theft, or other loss) and a protective case are strongly recommended. Carrollwood Day School is not responsible for lost, broken, or stolen devices.

BYOD 1:1 Recommended Devices by Division

Lower School Students (Grades 4 & 5)

For the 2023-2024 school year, 4th and 5th graders will be using computers in order to prepare them for technology use and understanding in middle school. *(If your current CDS 4th-grade student has an iPad in good condition, they can continue using their iPad in 5th grade. New incoming 4th & 5th graders will be required to have a laptop.)*

- Google Chromebook (4GB RAM, 16GB SSD Hard Drive)
  - Suggested models: Acer Spin 311, Lenovo 300e Gen 3, Acer Spin 514, Lenovo Flex 3i, Samsung Galaxy Chromebook 2

Middle & Upper School Students (Grades 6-12)

- Apple MacBook (2019 or Newer with 8-16GB RAM, 256-512GB SSD Hard Drive)
- Windows Laptop (8-16GB RAM, 256-512GB SSD Hard Drive)
- Google Chromebook (4GB RAM, 16GB SSD Hard Drive)

BYOD Technical Support

Students agree to ensure their device has the latest approved operating system and that their required learning apps are installed and always updated. BYOD students understand that CDS Technology Department will only provide technical support for WIFI connectivity and core learning apps on student devices. The CDS Technology Department will not provide loaner devices or chargers to students.

Technology Responsibilities

- **What is expected *of the School*?**
  - Provide students a reliable Wi-Fi connection
  - Provide students an Internet content filtering system
  - Provide a blended educational environment
  - Model safe device and internet practices
- ***What is expected of the Student?***
  - Bring your device fully charged to school each day
  - Maintain student device and student applications
  - Show respect for others' devices, work and privacy
  - Access technology as a responsible user
  - Abide by the expectations and rules stated in the CDS Technology Responsible Use Policy
- ***What is expected of the Parent(s)?***
  - Provide your student a device that meets the minimum BYOD specifications
  - Purchase and install the required applications for your student
  - Provide appropriate student device insurance and warranty

School Curriculum Applications

Some courses and grade levels will require apps to be installed on students' devices to provide students with the best learning tools and environment. These applications are determined by the Carrollwood Day School curriculum departments. It is the responsibility of the student's family to purchase and allow the ability for students to install the required applications on the student's device.