



WESTMINSTER ACADEMY

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Dear WA Parents,

Westminster Academy's MacBook Program requires our high school students to bring an Apple MacBook (laptop) to school. Students will have access to our content-filtered, campus-wide wireless network. Through this one-to-one program we believe that students will:

- Improve academic achievement
- Learn to use technology to communicate and collaborate effectively
- Use critical thinking skills to plan and conduct research, manage projects, and solve problems
- Understand and practice Christ-honoring behavior related to technology while developing strong 21st Century skills

Therefore, throughout their high school career, students must have an Apple MacBook capable of running the latest operating system — currently [macOS Mojave](#). Windows PCs, Chromebooks, and tablets are not part of the program. A one-to-one learning program is most successful when everyone, including teachers, works with the same hardware and software.

The Apple MacBook must meet the following specifications:

- MacBook (Early 2015 or newer) OR MacBook Pro (Mid 2012 or newer) OR MacBook Air (Mid 2012 or newer)
- 4 GB of RAM (8 GB recommended)
- 4-hour minimum battery life (8-hour recommended)
- At least 50% of disk storage available (SSD Storage is highly recommended)

For reference, Apple maintains a [list of obsolete hardware](#) for which official support has been discontinued. Recent additions to this list include models from 2012 and 2013, so please consider an average lifespan of 6-7 years when reviewing options.

Students will not need to purchase Microsoft Office or anti-virus software as they will be provided by the school. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

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Director of Information Technology

Westminster Academy is a Christ-centered, biblically-based college preparatory school dedicated to equipping covenant students to excel by using their gifts and talents for God's glory.

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