

Sandia Prep Upper School BYOD Policy

Having technology in the classroom allows for a seamless interaction between, say, an idea and the source of the idea; a person and their ideas; an event and its impact. All of these things can be accomplished with access to devices in class.

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What is BYOD?

BYOD means Bring Your Own Device. For the 26/27 school year, all upper school students are required to bring a laptop to school each day. Students may choose which device works best for the learning style, educational goals and budget. Laptops provide students with access to the Prep Portals, Prep email, online databases such as Gale and InfoTrac and apps such as Turnitin, Zoom and GSuite.

Sandia Prep Device Requirements

Sandia Prep recommends the following **minimum** requirements for student devices:

- Apple or PC laptop – NO Chromebooks (See Sandia Prep IT whitepaper Mothra vs Godzilla)
- 512 GB SSD
- 8 GB RAM
- If Apple: Mac OS Sequoia (14) or, preferably, Tahoe
- If PC: Windows 11

Software Requirements

The primary suite for everyday learning at Prep can be found online: email, GSuite and Prep Portals. In addition to these tools, Prep upper school students have access to Adobe Creative Cloud as well as the Microsoft Office Suite. These programs are available for installation via the our Sandia Prep IT Department.

Prep Computer Labs

Upper school students will have access to our digital design, video editing, computer programming and engineering labs for specialized and course specific programs.

Internet Access

Sandia Prep provides filtered internet access to all devices *on* campus. Our K12 firewall restricts access by faculty, staff and students to appropriate, educational websites. For a detailed list of the types and groups of websites that are blocked, please contact the Sandia Prep IT Department. The K12 firewall only restricts devices on our campus. Once a device leaves the Prep campus, parents are responsible for monitoring usage.

Resources

Families for whom the laptop requirement represents a financial hardship may check out a new laptop from the Sandia Prep IT department for the entire year. This resource is a part of a multi-year federal grant aimed at bridging the digital divide. No one will be turned away.