

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) REQUIREMENTS

Grade 4 Technology

Beginning in the 2025-2026 school year, grade 4 students will be provided school-owned technology (iPads). In addition to school-owned iPads, students will be provided the additional hardware and software to support their learning while at school, therefore, parents are not responsible for making additional purchases and/or paying additional fees. Families may still wish to make technology accessible to their learner at home, however, this is not a requirement to support their learning at school and personally owned technology will not be permitted as a tool for learning.

Grade 5-9 Technology

Each student in grades 5-9 is required to provide their own personal device for learning. Please see below information about the minimum technology requirements by platform. For questions, please reach out to our Director of Technology, Allen Wiens (allen.wiens@mycgcs.ca).

Regardless of the operating system the personal device has, or the type of device purchased (tablet/laptop), all devices should:

- Be in good working condition and have had an effort to ensure there are no viruses on them.
- Have the capacity to connect to a wireless network at 5ghz band. For example, a card that advertises 802.1ac, 802.1n, or 801.1ax. (Any device manufactured within the last 5 years would have this.)
- Must have Google Chrome version 131 or newer.
- Please note: Google Chrome is necessary to support student learning and to avoid capability issues.

Platform Specific Information

Windows PC

- Windows 10 Minimum (11 is recommended)
- Windows defender or other AV enabled and active
- 8GB RAM Minimum
- 5 Years old or less.

Apple Macbook

- Mac OS 11 Minimum (15 is recommended)
- 8GB RAM Minimum
- 5 Years old or less.

Apple iPad

- Any iPad that is running IOS 16 or later can use the Google Suite of apps and our Lexia Reading program.
- Recommend 5 Years old or less.

Chromebook

- 5 Years old or less.
- Must have Google Chrome OS version 131 or newer.

Android Tablets - are NOT compatible with our learning environment and are not accepted as an option for the BYOD program.