

GEORGE McDOUGALL HIGH SCHOOL LAPTOP INITIATIVE

FAQs

Loss or Damage

The owner of each laptop shall be responsible to obtain insurance if they desire. Laptops can be added to homeowner insurance.

Backup and Storage

Each student will need to save their material to their machine and, later, backup at home on an external hard drive. It is recommended that you purchase extra storage.

IT Support

GMHS has an IT support person on site to address ongoing issues related to connectivity to the RVS wireless network.

Additional assistance is available provided the issue of a nature that will jeopardize laptop warranty. Due to the ownership of the machine and the issues related to warranties, hardware/software is the responsibility of the owner.

MINIMUM STANDARDS

PC Laptops

Pentium 4 processor – 160 GB Hard Drive – 2 GB RAM; Wireless (“g” or “n” capability) with Anti Virus Software

Mac Laptops

Any Intel-based Mac laptop meets the minimum requirements for GMHS.

SOFTWARE

Productivity (Required)

Every laptop must have a basic productivity suite that includes Word Processing, Presentations and Spreadsheets, such as Microsoft Office or Apple iWork (Mac only). PCs must also have a program for creating PDF documents.

Multimedia (Suggested but not required)

Macs include iLife software for multimedia creation. There is also software available for PCs. Please note that PCs may have additional hardware requirements for multimedia production, so please consult your vendor.

Free Software Links

See our “links” tab on our website for free versions of software that will meet our basic requirements.

RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES

- A **carrying case** for protection.
- A USB **flash drive** of at least 4GB.
- An **external hard drive** for data backup.