



ACACIAWOOD

PREPARATORY ACADEMY

2024-2025 Chromebook Requirements

Families of upper school students (6th-12th) will be responsible to provide their student with a Chromebook for the 2024-2025 academic school year. For families who are already providing a Chromebook to their student, they do not need to do anything differently; their student can continue to bring their own device. Incoming 6th graders and new students will need to purchase their own device prior to the start of the new school year. Their device will be enrolled in the Acaciawood domain, making it a “school-dedicated device” which will be managed by the school to only be used with their school-issued account. **Devices with other operating systems (such as Windows or Mac) are not permitted to be used on campus.** Using devices with other operating systems at home is allowed, but families are encouraged to monitor their child’s online activity.

Review of Guidelines:

- Chromebooks are to be used only for academic purposes during the school day
- It is advised that the child be supervised while using the Chromebook
- Web browser (Chrome) history cannot be deleted and parents can view the history to determine which websites the child has visited
- Only awschool.org accounts issued by the school may log into the Chromebook

Use and Replacement Policy: It is the family’s responsibility to maintain, care for, and to use good judgment when using the Chromebook.

Recommendations in Caring for the Chromebook:

- Do not loan your device to others or leave it unattended outside of your home, including on the school campus
- Use a case to protect your device
- Chromebooks are sensitive to moisture and extreme heat. Do not leave it in a car or location where it will be damaged by heat. Keep it dry and away from sources of water such as sinks/bathtubs and pools. Also, keep it away from food and drink.
- Only recharge the Chromebook using the compatible charging cable, and the charging cable should be kept from damage (such as damage from a vacuum cleaner).

Downloading to the Chromebook:

- Students are not allowed to download apps, music, or other media to their Chromebook for non-academic use.
- The administration will determine what content will be added to the Chromebook.

Optional Peripherals:

- Earphones - to be used with permission from teachers
- Mouse - may assist in productivity

Recommended Specifications

While there is not a specific Chromebook that will be required, there are several specifications that you should look for/consider when purchasing your Chromebook. Below you will find a list of required specifications for the Chromebook, followed by an explanation for some of these.

Acceptable Processors:

Intel ® Celeron Processor

Intel ® Braswell or Cherry Trail Processors

Intel® i3, i5, or i7 Processor

Rockchip RK3288

Memory: 4GB or more

Hard Drive: 16GB or larger

Display: 11-inch display or larger with HD

Wireless (WiFi): Wifi enabled ONLY

Battery-life: 8 hrs or long

Memory (RAM) – When it comes to RAM, most Chromebooks come with either 2GB or 4GB. We recommend at least 4GB of RAM. The difference will be worth it when multitasking.

Screen – Many display resolutions on most 13 inch or larger Chromebooks will be 1,920 by 1,080 pixels, otherwise known as 1080p, but a few cheaper or smaller Chromebooks may be lower resolution, and the very highest-end models may be higher-resolution. For most midsize Chromebooks with screens from 13 to 15 inches, 1080p is a suitable option.

Processor (CPU) – A low-end processor such as an Intel Celeron or a Pentium processor is adequate to primarily use the internet. Chromebooks based on Intel Core CPUs like the Core i3 and the Core i5 will be more versatile for robust multitasking and streaming multimedia, though they are more expensive.

Storage – Most files on a Chromebook will be stored in the cloud/Google Drive, so Chromebooks include only a small hard drive, usually 16GB – 64GB, on which to save your local creations if needed. This should be sufficient for student needs. If you think more space on the device is needed, look for an SD card slot to add expanded storage.

Connectivity – Most Chromebook connections are wireless, so you will use the machine almost exclusively attached to Wi-Fi. If you will need to give presentations, look for a video output port, such as HDMI. Also, look for a USB port or two if you will want to attach a mouse, etc.

ChromeOS Updates – Every Chromebook has an expiration date on which Google stops supporting the device. Choose the Chromebook with the latest end of life date with the specifications you need.