



# BYOD AT ICSV

Bring Your Own Device Program





## WHY BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE?

Because of our desire to integrate technology into learning, all Secondary students grades 6–12 are required to have their own device at school. ICSV believes that it is important to teach digital citizenship and the positive use of technology in our school. Students are using technology, so we need to teach them how to use it appropriately. For this reason ICSV has a BYOD program at the secondary level.

Teachers use technology to enhance their teaching. Students are able to take advantage of online tools that support learning. They learn how to conduct online research, determining reliable sources and how to cite them. The BYOD program teaches our students the necessary twenty-first century skills that will prepare them for success both in their educational program and in the future.

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Teachers at ICSV make extensive use of Google Classroom and Google Workspace (formerly called “G Suite”) in all classes. Each student receives their own ICSV Google Workspace account upon enrollment, and can use it to access a number of apps and services:

- **Google Workspace** apps, including Google Docs and Google Slides.
- **Google Drive**, a cloud-based platform for files.
- **Access to apps and websites which are on ICSV’s GDPR approved list**, which means they are available for teachers to utilize with their classes. These include Padlet, Seesaw, Kahoot, Socrative and many others.
- **Adobe Creative Cloud**, including Photoshop, Illustrator, After Effects, Premiere and over twenty additional apps. ICSV students may install the Adobe Creative Cloud apps to use on their own Windows or MacBook device at no cost.

### **Please note: Adobe apps do not run on Chromebooks!**

If your child is interested in using Photoshop or any other Adobe application a Chromebook will not be the right device to choose for them.

## Which Device to Choose?

For maximum usability and versatility in the classroom, students need a Wi-Fi enabled computer that has a keyboard and a battery that would provide enough power for a school day. Suggested devices would be:

- Laptop, MacBook or UltraBook computer
- Hybrid notebook such as a Microsoft Surface
- Chromebook

## Minimum Specifications

Current laptops and MacBooks support all software that may be required in school. Below is a list of minimum specifications to think about when you decide to buy a laptop.

- **Battery:** Recommended minimum of 6 hours to last an entire school day.
- **Operating System:** Windows 11/macOS 13 (or better), Windows 11 running in "S mode" is not supported.
- **Hard Drive:** SSD is recommended.
- **Charger:** The device should be chargeable with a USB-C charger.

Only Chromebooks supported with [current updates](#) from Google should be used.

## What about iPads or other tablets?

Because of differences in how they work with Google Workspace and other apps we ask that iPads, iPad Pros and any other tablets not be used as a device for students in our BYOD program.

## Other Things to Consider

### Size of the device

Make sure that you select a device that your student can easily transport to and from school and from class to class.

### Using American Keyboards

If your child is a native German speaker then he/she may be comfortable with a device that has a German keyboard. Assignments at ICSV need to be completed in English, however. Apple devices with US keyboard layout can also be ordered from the *Apple Store*, *amazon.com* (with additional shipping fees), **or** *MediaMarkt* (by request). ICSV has successfully ordered Chromebooks with US keyboards from Amazon.com. Education discounts are available at the [Apple Store](#), [ToolsAtWork](#), and [Edubook.at](#).

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