

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, we are implementing a BYOD program at the secondary level. Teachers will be using technology to enhance their teaching. Students will be able to take advantage of online tools that support learning. They will learn how to conduct online research, determining reliable sources and how to cite them. The addition of the BYOD program will teach our students the necessary 21st century skills that will prepare them for success both in their educational program and in the future.

Benefits of technology in the classroom

- Improves the ability to access content, resources, and materials
- Creates a more engaged environment
- Incorporates different learning styles
- Improves collaboration
- Prepares students for the future
- Allows for even greater connection between teachers and students

Benefits of BYOD

- Provides a more comfortable and personalized experience
- Improves responsibility and care of their device
- Greater flexibility than a “one size fits all” school standard
- Allows students to use the same device at school, at home, or away

What about security on the WIFI network?

ICSV adheres to industry-standard wireless security practices and protocols, and keeps up-to-date on all new developments and security threats.

Do you have questions?

E-mail byod@icsv.at and we'll give you an answer as soon as possible!



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BYOD

(Bring Your Own Device)

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Care for your device

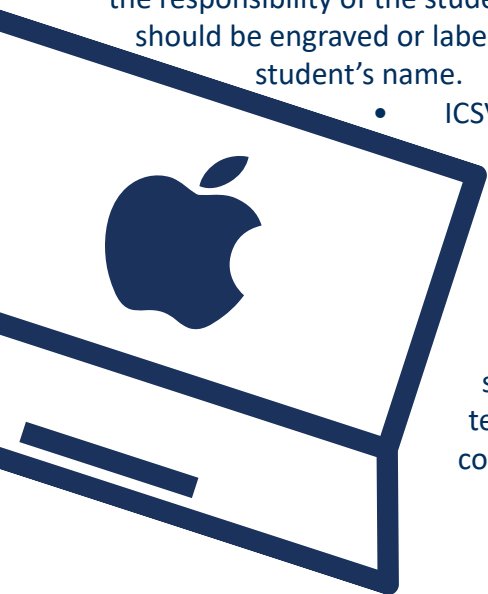
- Protect your device with a strong username and password. Do not share these with anyone else.
- Carry your laptop in a protective case inside your school bag.
- Never lift the laptop by the screen. This will stress the hinges, which carries the data and power supply to the screen.
- Never leave your laptop in unsupervised areas during the school day.

Saving and backup

- While at ICSV, students have access to Google Drive via their ICSV G Suite account with unlimited storage. Students are strongly encouraged to make use of this!
- Students are responsible for their own backup of data at all times. They may use: Google Drive, a USB drive, SD card, external drive, or other cloud-based site.

Security

- The security of a student-owned device is the responsibility of the student. Devices should be engraved or labeled with the student's name.
 - ICSV strongly recommends that students use the free version of Avira antivirus software to protect their laptop computer.



Which device to choose?

For maximum useability and versatility in the classroom we are asking that you equip your child with a wi-fi enabled device that has a keyboard and a battery that would provide enough power for a full school day:

- Chromebook
- Laptop
- Hybrid notebook/tablet such as a Microsoft Surface running Windows or an iPad Pro (with keyboard).
- Full-sized tablet with a keyboard



Minimum specifications

All types of Chromebooks will be suitable for school. We can recommend the following models:

- Acer Chromebook R11
- Samsung Chromebook Plus

Laptops, Notebooks, 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.

- Processor: Intel i5 Dual Core
- RAM: Minimum 8GB
- Screen: 11" or bigger
- Battery: Recommended Minimum of 6 hours
- Operating System: Windows 10 / OS X 10.9 (or better)
- Hard Drive: SSD Recommended

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.

About American keyboards

If your child is a native German speaker, then he or she may be comfortable with a device that has a German keyboard. Assignments need to be completed in English, however.

For those who desire a device with an American keyboard, Amazon ships from the USA to Austria. Be advised that you will have to pay additional shipping and customs fees. ICSV has successfully ordered Chromebooks with US keyboards from amazon.com. Devices are also available with a US keyboard layout from dell.at and apple.at.

Software

- Although students will be primarily utilizing their ICSV G Suite account, Microsoft Office 365 is also available to all enrolled students at no cost. Please e-mail byod@icsv.at for more information.
- The ICSV IT Department has prepared a document with more detailed recommendations. E-mail byod@icsv.at to request a copy.

