



Bring Your Own Device Checklist for Families

Rockford Public Schools approved devices fall into 3 basic categories and all represent personally owned approved devices for school use:

- **Laptop computers** are portable computers that can be used with or without the Internet
- **Netbook computers** (ie, Chromebooks) are portable computers that gain most of their functionality through the Internet
- **Tablet computers** fall along a continuum from laptop-like to large size tablet (*e.g.*, iPad, Android tablet, etc.)

Below is a checklist for the District's requirements on Bring Your Own Devices for students. Please use this checklist when purchasing or using an existing device from home to make sure your student has the correct equipment.

Acceptable devices include:

- Chromebooks (purchased within the last 3 years)
- Windows Laptops (running Windows 10)
- Apple Devices:
 - Laptops (purchased within the last 4 years)
 - Tablets (including iPad Air or greater, purchased within the last 2 years – Must have attached keyboard)

All devices must meet the following minimum requirements:

- 9.5" diagonal display
- Keyboard (physically attached as wireless keyboards have the frustrating ability to connect to or interfere with other student devices in a room of students).
- Web browser (Chrome, Safari, or Microsoft Internet Explorer– Note that other browsers may create frustration for students while accessing content designed for the “big 3 browsers”)
- WiFi connection capability

Should your child not have a device that meets the minimum requirements outlined above, the school will provide a Chromebook. This option is appropriate for any family that is not financially able to provide a device to their student as well. More information on these school-issued devices will be sent the first week of August.

You can visit <http://www.rockfordschools.org/district-technology> to read up to date information or to view a copy of the 2019-2020 Student Technology Handbook.