

Greenbrier Christian Academy
Minimum Requirements for Educational Electronic Devices

All GCA Collegiate Academy students are required to use an educational electronic device (i.e. – laptop, tablet) in the classroom. Each year the device must be registered with the school and the user must complete the school’s Acceptable Use Policy.

Regulations guiding student usage of technology are covered both in the student handbook and the Acceptable Use Policy which must be signed and turned in when registering a device.

Devices must be Windows based and comply with the specifications outlined below:

Required Hardware:

1. Wireless Network (WiFi)
   **No devices with 3G/4G/Cellular capability will be permitted!**
2. Battery Life – Should be able to last through the school day with light/intermittent usage

Required Software:

1. Windows Operating System (*Windows 10 strongly recommended*)
2. Microsoft Office – must have a full version (not just a trial) installed on device
   *Students who are enrolled in 7th-12th grade at GCA will have access to Office 365 for free using their GCA email account. Click here to begin.
3. Bible application downloaded to the student’s device (ex. YouVersion, Bible Gateway, Blue Letter Bible)
4. Antivirus Software – must be kept up-to-date and running on the device (potential subscription fees apply)

Recommendations/Suggestions:

1. Student should be able to use the device comfortably for extended periods of time in order to take class notes, participate in activities, and complete assignments. Needs will vary per student, but consider screen size, keyboard, and pointing device (trackpad/mouse).
2. Student’s internet access at GCA will be filtered, but we recommend Parental Control software such as Covenant Eyes (monthly subscription applies).
3. Perform frequent checks for software and operating system updates at home, so that these updates do not interfere with using the device in class.
4. While students should arrive to school with fully charged device batteries, and power access may be limited, students should carry a charging cord for their device while at school in case of unforeseen battery problems.