

Greenbrier Christian Academy

Minimum Requirements for Educational Electronic Devices

All GCA Jr. Collegiate and 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 comply with the specifications outlined below:

Required Hardware:

1. Wireless Network (WiFi)
Devices with 3G/4G/5G access are **not permitted during school hours (Ex: watches, laptops, phones)**
2. Battery Life – Should be able to last through the school day with light/intermittent usage
3. Physical Keyboard – Keyboard can be removeable but must be in use during class time to learn and practice keyboarding skills.

Required Software:

1. Windows 10, Chrome, or MacOS operating system
2. **NO** mobile operating systems permitted (e.g. iOS, Android, Kindle)
**This means that devices such as iPads, mobile tablets, Kindles, etc... cannot be used
3. Microsoft Office – recommend installed version on device if possible, but online access is acceptable
*Students who are enrolled in 6th-12th grade at GCA will have access to Office 365 for free using their GCA email account. [Click here](#) to begin.
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. Perform frequent checks for software and operating system updates at home, so that these updates do not interfere with using the device in class.
3. 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.
4. Because of the large variety of devices, GCA is unable to test compatibility with every possible configuration. GCA's systems are designed to IT industry standards for compatibility, but we cannot guarantee every device will work correctly. Windows devices are the most likely to be fully compatible.