

Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT)

Requirements 2018-19 School Year Grades 8 - 12



All students are required to have a laptop for the BYOT program. There are several options available to you.

- **Chromebooks** are the least expensive option, while still meeting minimum requirements. \$250 price range. Cons: Can't install programs, but has all the web apps needed for school required functions. Current Chrome OS (all new Chromebooks will have the latest OS).
- **MacBook, MacBook Air or MacBook Pro.** These laptops start at \$900 and can reach \$2500+. Can install programs, but significantly more expensive than the Chromebook. Minimum OSX 10.8.5 and 4GB of RAM.
- **Windows Laptop.** Generally less expensive than the MacBooks and can install programs. \$400 to \$2500+. Caution: Very low end laptops may be slow. Minimum 4GB of RAM and Windows 7.
- **Used laptops** can be found for a fraction of the cost of a new laptop. Beware of performance issues. The Tech Department will be happy to inspect and set up your used laptop for school use.
- **iPads** and other tablets are not recommended due to incompatibility issues, however they are acceptable under the BYOT program. *Please do not purchase a new iPad or tablet for use with BYOT.*
- **Rent a Chromebook from the School.** You may rent a Chromebook with 11" screen from the school for a \$50 insurance fee (non-refundable), plus up to \$100 deductible for any damage incurred.

Contact Ken Olson kolson@telluride.k12.co.us if you have any questions.

Guidelines

- The primary purpose of your laptop is for educational purposes and not for games or social media.
- Use your laptop at the discretion of your teacher.
- Your device needs to be charged nightly and you need to bring a charging device with you every day.
- Use your laptop daily to check Schoology for assignments, PowerSchool for grades and to communicate with your teachers.