

KIUA: Computer for Online Learning (ENG)

Laptop Computer for Online Learning

KIUA is implementing a recommendation that parents purchase a Laptop* Computer for Online Learning so that students are ready if in the future the school has to be closed due to emergencies.

* As an additional benefit, this will further foster and encourage the use of technology for learning during school normal sessions. Starting this academic year (2020-2021) all secondary students will be allowed to bring their laptop (device) to school if they choose to do so.

With classroom teacher approval, secondary students may use their own devices in the classroom for study purposes or to access supplemental materials. In order to access the school WiFi, students have to go through the WiFi application process (this may take a few days to process and set up).

What kind of Laptop Computer should your child have?

Although other devices have their merits, we recommend a **laptop** computer with **wireless capability** that is equipped with a **built-in camera, microphone and speakers**.

As for the kind of computer to purchase, we do not recommend any specific brand but strongly recommend a relatively **small, portable laptop computer**. It should be a device that fits in your child's school bag and locker (should they choose to bring it to school). Lockers are 26 cm wide, 36 cm deep and 26 cm tall (top shelf).

For suggestions on affordable devices, please see below.

Because KIU Academy uses Microsoft Office and Google Suite primarily, we recommend that you purchase either a regular laptop computer with **Windows 10 operating system** or a **Chromebook laptop computer**. Apple computers are also acceptable.

Which students should have a laptop computer?

All Grade 6-12 students should have a device they can use at home. They may also bring the device to school if they choose to do so or if the teacher requests that they bring it for a particular activity.

Grade 1 - 5 students should have a device they can use at home if school has to be closed again. Elementary students should not bring the device to school unless a teacher requests that they do. Parents will be informed of any such requests.

Access to the Internet at School

Students must register their devices with the school office in order to connect to the school's WiFi network. This includes agreeing to abide by our Responsible Computer Use Policy. On the KIUA's WiFi network, all students will have filtered Internet access just as they would on a school owned computer. Please note that KIUA cannot monitor content accessed by students who connect to the internet with their own tethering service (cellphones, air-cards, etc.).

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Conditions for the Use of Devices and Internet at School

1. The responsibility for solving hardware / software problems reside at home with parents or guardians.
2. Students are solely responsible for their own device. School will not be held responsible for items damaged, lost, or stolen at school.
3. The school is not responsible for the security of student-owned devices. Parents should ensure that their child's computer has appropriate anti-virus software installed and running.
4. Whether accessing the internet with the school's or their own personal service, students must abide by school policies for appropriate use, including that the devices are to be used only for educational purposes. No online gaming, video streaming, entertainment, social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.), etc. is allowed at school unless authorized by a teacher.
5. Student devices must be in silent mode while at school unless a staff member gives specific permission for its use.
6. Students can only use the device to access computer files or Internet sites that are relevant to the classroom curriculum.
7. Teachers are the authority in the classroom. Devices can only be used in class with express teacher permission. Students must always comply with teachers' request to shut down the device or put it away.
8. Students will not attempt to bypass the school's network filters. 'Hacking', altering, or bypassing network security policies violates school policy and will result in disciplinary actions.
9. Students will take the utmost care not to infect the network with a Virus, Trojan, program designed to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access to unauthorized data or information that violates school policies. Disregard to this will result in disciplinary actions.
10. The school has the right to collect and examine anywhere in school grounds, any device to confirm that the rules are followed, or that is suspected of causing problems, or was the source of an attack or virus infection.
11. All personal devices must be clearly labeled with a student's name and grade.

Suggested Laptop Computers

Below is a suggested list of devices which you may consider purchasing for your child. **These are only suggestions, not recommendations or endorsements.** This is not an exhaustive list. Please do your own research and check carefully the specs for the laptop computer you choose to buy.

The decision on the merits and demerits of a device is solely the responsibility of parents / guardians.

Low priced:

[Acer Chromebook N3060, CB3-532-F14N](#) - - - ¥26,980

[ASUS Laptop R417YA-GA107TS/A](#) - - - ¥54,800

Middle priced:

[Lenovo ideapad C340 14.0 Laptop, Core i3, Officeなし](#) - - - ¥67,680

[Dell Inspiron 14 5490 Laptop, Core i5](#) - - - ¥68,800

[HP ProBook 450](#) - - - ¥79,980

Upper priced:

[HP ノートパソコン HP ENVY](#) - - - ¥101,998

[Lenovo ideapad C340 14.0 Laptop, Office Home & Business 2019搭載](#) - - - ¥102,270

[Dell Inspiron 14 5490 Laptop, Core i7, Office付](#) - - - ¥121,800

[HP ノートパソコン HP Spectre](#) - - - ¥157,498

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Other Suggestions

Suggested Minimum Software

For Windows or Apple OS:

A Web Browser: Firefox [Firefox.com](https://www.firefox.com) (Free, better privacy), or Google Chrome (Free).

Anti-Virus Software: www.avast.com (Free), etc. (there are other free and paid software available)

For ChromeBooks:

Not applicable

Suggested Additional Software

An Office Suite: **

Microsoft Office (can be expensive. There are less costly student versions)

Microsoft Office Online <https://products.office.com/en/free-office-online-for-the-web>

Libre Office (equivalent to Microsoft Office and free) [www.LibreOffice.org](https://www.libreoffice.org)

** [Or choose none of the above. The school Google Suite account will be sufficient]

Note. Students will receive a school Google email and Google Drive account from the school at the beginning of their school enrollment. To use this account, a Web Browser (above) will be needed.