



SEVEN ARROWS ELEMENTARY

4-6 STUDENT TECH SPECS

Dear Parents of Seven Arrows Students,

In looking ahead to our next school year and your child's technology needs, we are providing this packet to answer many of your questions. The device recommendations pertain to first time purchasers. Those with devices currently are not required to upgrade.

Laptop for grades 4th, 5th, and 6th:

MacBook Air

13 inch

256 GB

8 GB RAM

Charger

AppleCare Plus (Plus protects against accidental damage and screen replacement. Regular

AppleCare does not.)

Accessories:

Plug in headphones with a microphone (any type that fits your child's ears) Please label these as they will stay at school.

If you would like to purchase enhanced options such as a higher model device, larger screen size, or more storage space, you are of course, welcome to do so. Gently used or second-hand devices are also permissible, but we strongly recommend they meet the above specifications and AppleCare Plus be purchased. If you have questions about whether a certain device will fit the bill, please don't hesitate to contact us at help@sevenarrows.org.

Setup of new laptop

As we will most likely be continuing as much contact-less setup as possible, please email Luis Escobar lescobar@sevenarrows.org upon purchase of your device. He will send you an email link for remote setup.

Choices

While any type of laptop is permissible, there are sound reasons to strictly adhere to the above recommendations, one of the main reasons being that some programs we plan to use will not work on different/older models. Please note that choosing models different from the recommended ones will likely put children at a disadvantage in the classroom.

Multimedia-rich resources such as textbooks, movies, or audio recordings are either unsupported by older/different models or have been known to crash. It is our strong desire that the richness of our enhanced program be accessible to all our students, and a great deal of thought and research has gone into these recommendations as well as the technology program and curriculum as a whole.

Philosophy

At Seven Arrows, technology is viewed as an essential tool that supports the individual work of all our students. Rich media experiences provide tools for a wide variety of learners to explore multiple avenues of the “4C” curriculum at SAE: Critical Thinking & Problem Solving, Communication, Collaboration, and Creativity & Innovation. We aim to provide every student with age-appropriate access to computers, applications, the Web, and other necessary technology at both school and home in order to facilitate learning. Our 1:1 program is an optimal way to further customize instruction for each student, improving educational outcomes and ensuring that our students are well equipped to continue to thrive well beyond their elementary years.

While the financial investment for families can be substantial, we are confident that the return on that investment will be truly priceless, not just with respect to tech literacy, but also the incredible work we will be able to do with our students, the level of creativity and engagement, the enhanced academic rigor, and the preparedness for middle school and beyond.

In the upper grades, it will be even more important to integrate technology into the curriculum; for our students to be at the forefront of preparedness for middle school, they will need to be versed with both tech platforms and what each has to offer, and we will be able to take their learning to a whole new level with use of both iPads and laptops.

Sound and thoughtful implementation of our tech devices into an already well-established program is key. The benefits of technology integration have great promise and reward if and only if implementation is appropriate in time and content. Please know that screen time in the classroom will be strictly limited to what is developmentally appropriate per grade, and the "live" quality instruction from educators will in no way be sacrificed to or replaced by technological tools.

Financing Devices & Questions

If securing these devices for your children is not possible for any reason, please contact Darren or Margarita right away. And of course, if you have further questions after reviewing this letter, feel free to contact the school.

Warm regards,
SAE Admin