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Dear Parents,

The Anthony School requires each Middle School student (grades 6-8) to have an Apple device as a part of our 1:1 Technology Initiative. We feel that a laptop or iPad will give your student the best overall user experience, and we want to give you, the parent, a choice. Please know you are more than welcome to buy your device at any point prior to your student starting Middle School, as long as it meets the following minimum requirements:
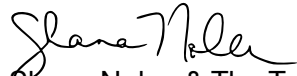
- You may purchase any type of Apple Laptop (MacBook Air, MacBook Pro [M1 or Intel Processor]) product or iPad (iPad, iPad Pro) in whatever size you feel works best for your student. Our Technology Director is a certified Apple Engineer, and our teachers and students are able to navigate, troubleshoot, and utilize these devices with ease.

- The laptop must support the current Apple Operating System: **macOS Sonoma**.

- The iPad must have a Keyboard Case and support the current iOS Operating System: **iOS 17**.

- Various student assignments will utilize technologies that are only available in the most recent macOS and iOS releases, such as Airplay, Airdrop, Photos, Pages, Numbers, Keynote, iMovie, and GarageBand.

- If you have any questions about which product to buy, please feel free to contact Christopher Coles: ccoles@anthonyschool.org.

AppleCare+ for Mac & iOS is highly recommended but not required. It is an additional fee, but it more than pays for itself if a warranty issue occurs. Because this is your own device and not owned by TAS, you will be ultimately responsible for the care, upkeep, and any necessary repairs of your device. TAS is not responsible for fixing, updating, or maintaining care of devices; however, we will offer guidance and assistance if trouble occurs.

The Anthony School does not require the use of antivirus or anti-malware software for laptops, but it may be beneficial to your student if you purchase some sort of protection. All the major antivirus software publishers have an offering available for macOS.

Our middle school curriculum is robust, and our 1:1 Technology Initiative enhances that curriculum while integrating devices into your student's academic environment.

Thank you for the opportunity to educate your child,

Shana Nolen & The Technology Department

Minimum TAS Laptop Specifications

MacBook Air	(2018 or newer)
MacBook Pro Note: MacBook Pro (October 2016 or newer) requires a USB-C to USB Adapter	(2019 or newer)
macOS Sonoma v14	
8GB RAM	
128GB flash storage/hard drive equivalent	(larger is preferred)
Anti-Virus / Malware Software	(optional)
AppleCare+ for Mac	(optional)

Minimum TAS iPad Specifications

iPad Air	(3rd Gen. or newer)
iPad	(6th Gen. or newer)
iPad Pro	(1st Gen. or newer)
Keyboard Case is REQUIRED	
NOTE: We do not recommend the iPad mini	
iOS 17	
128GB storage	
AppleCare+ for iPad	(optional)