The Calvary ACADEMY

Bring Your Own Device Policy
1st-12th Grades
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WHY?
We understand that technology plays a vital role in 21st century education and business. Furthermore, in our post-pandemic culture as all schools have implemented more online learning systems into curriculum, it is imperative for each student to have a piece of technology. **Understanding and being comfortable using technology is an imperative skill that students need to succeed academically.** Being aware of these realities, The Calvary Academy places value on incorporating technology **at all levels of the learning process**. Because of this, we believe that all students need access to their own device to support the learning environment on and off campus, and **we have a "Bring Your Own Device" Policy for 1st through 12th grades** in order to facilitate this incorporation.

It is important for students to have ownership of this device and have it with them on campus daily for classroom use.

DEVICE INFORMATION
Which device a student at The Calvary Academy uses is a personal choice. We understand that there are many factors that influence this decision such as what your family already owns, how much you are prepared to pay, additional uses for the device outside of school, and other individual factors.

HOWEVER, WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT STUDENTS PURCHASE **CHROMEBOOKS FOR EASE OF USE WITH GOOGLE CLASSROOM COMPATIBILITY.**

In addition to its easy portability and compatibility with our google classroom learning platform, Chromebooks also tend to be a much more cost-efficient option.

Device Requirements – Chromebooks or Laptops
- Internet access
- Full Keyboard for typing instruction
- For laptops with a Windows operating system, a purchased anti-virus program is highly recommended. Free antivirus software is not recommended.
- HDMI and USB inputs **are essential** for external storage and presentation capabilities. CD and DVD drives are not necessary.

As our school utilizes Google Classroom, TCA provides each student with a personal Gmail account with access to Google Docs, Sheets, Presentations, and Google Drive storage capabilities.

CELL PHONES AND SMARTPHONES ARE NOT A SUITABLE DEVICE FOR THIS POLICY AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOM.

CARE, STORAGE, AND CHARGING
It is recommended that students have some sort of protective carrying case for their device in order to avoid damage. **It is vital that the laptop and accessories are clearly labeled with student's full name.**

Students are asked to charge their device at home overnight. In most cases that means they will not need to be charged during the day at school. Nevertheless, there are ample power outlets in most classrooms for device charging.

During the day, 1st-4th grade devices will be stored in the classroom in each student's cubby. 5th -12th students should ensure that they secure their device safely in their locker unless directed otherwise by their instructor.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT
Students will be responsible to support their own device. This includes protection, maintenance, antivirus software, installation of programs, troubleshooting, et cetera. Teachers will provide limited IT support.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES
- Students will be expected to abide by all school rules, policies, and codes of conduct while online.
- Devices will only be permitted in the classroom under teacher supervision. No devices will be permitted at break time, during lunch, or during extended care unless direct permission is given.
- Students are not permitted to transmit or post any photographic images or videos of any person on campus on any public and/or social networking sites.