



## Bring Your Own Accepted Learning Device

Technology is a powerful tool that has the potential to support and transform educational experiences for students. As technology has advanced we have seen the potential for it to significantly impact the learning of all students. With the integration of technology into the learning environment, there have been greater opportunities for deeper student learning experiences, flexible pathways leading to student success, collaborative opportunities and an anytime-anyplace style of learning.

St. Francis staff have been excited about the learning possibilities that Google Apps for Education has afforded our students. These professional learning experiences have led to the school wide decision to continue to move forward with:

- Google Apps for Education
- St. Francis Junior High (SFJH) Accepted Device Protocol

A St. Francis Accepted Device protocol would mean that students bring their own devices to school for learning purposes. In order to proceed with the school based protocol in the most effective way, there is a need to have students with the technology 'in hand' in every classroom. We are encouraging parents at SFJH to consider the purchase of an accepted device for their child beginning for the 2017/18 school year. In looking ahead, our school goal is to have 60% of our students bringing their own accepted learning device by the start of the 2018/19 school year.

Since each student has unique strengths and talents, a device that might be best for one student may not be suitable for another. The SFJH Accepted Device Protocol offers some recommended examples to assist with the purchase process. While there is no such thing as a perfect device, the accepted learning device examples provided offer assistance in your decision making process. Ultimately, the decision about what device to purchase (if you choose to send your child to school with a device) is yours, as parents.

Although many students have iPods, iPhones, and Android phones; they may not meet the necessary requirements as an accepted learning device. The purpose of this protocol is to enhance high quality learning with technology. We also recognize that not all parents can or want to send their child to school with a device. SFJH teachers will continue to plan assuming that not every student will bring a personally owned accepted device to school. School owned accepted devices will be available for students to use while at school on a limited basis.

While we are encouraging the use of personal devices in the learning environment, it is the students who are ultimately responsible for lost, stolen and/or damaged personal electronic devices - just as they are for any other personal items they bring to school. SFJH accepts no liability in respect to:

- Personal devices that are broken while at school or during school-sponsored activities.
- Personal devices that are lost or stolen at school or during school-sponsored activities.
- Maintenance or upkeep of any device (keeping it charged, installing updates or upgrades, fixing any software or hardware issues).

The decision to bring a personal device into school rests with the student and their parent(s)/ guardian(s), as does the liability for any loss/damage that may result from the use of a personal device in school.

## ACCEPTED DEVICES

<p><b>DEVICE: CHROMEBOOK</b></p>	<p><b>DESCRIPTION</b></p>
<p><b>Brands include:</b> Lenovo, Acer, HP Samsung, Asus, Dell etc...</p> 	<p>A Chromebook is a laptop running the Chrome OS operating system. These devices are designed to be used while connected to the Internet. All documents are stored in your Google account “in the cloud”. Google applications can be installed on the Chromebook from the Chrome Web Store.  <b>Cost:</b> Approximately \$200 and up depending upon the model.</p> <p><b>Software &amp; Apps</b></p> <p>Google Chrome will come pre-installed. Everything else required to run Google Apps is available free.</p> <p><b>Examples (but not limited to)</b></p> <p>St. Francis currently has <b>Lenovo</b> N21 11.6" Chromebook \$220 and <b>HP</b> 11.6" Chromebook \$240</p>
<p><b>DEVICE: TABLET</b></p>	<p><b>DESCRIPTION</b></p>
<p><b>Brands include:</b> Apple iPad 2-4, Air, Pro, Samsung Galaxy, HTC Nexus, Acer Iconia, etc...</p> 	<p>A tablet computer running either Apple iOS or Android operating system with a minimum 9.7” screen. You install apps from the App Store or Google Play Store to suit a variety of purposes.  <b>Cost:</b> Ranging from \$350 to \$1200 depending upon the model.</p> <p><b>Software &amp; Apps</b></p> <p>Google Suite for Education (Docs, Slides, Sheets, Classroom, Drive, Mail (free))  <i>Note: External Keyboard is preferred.</i></p>
<p><b>DEVICE: LAPTOP</b></p>	<p><b>DESCRIPTION</b></p>
<p><b>Brands include:</b> Apple, Samsung, Ace, Sony, Windows, Lenovo etc...</p> 	<p>A tablet computer running either Apple Mac OS or Windows operating system with a minimum 9.7” screen. You install downloaded apps from Google to suit a variety of purposes.  <b>Cost:</b> Ranging from \$450 to \$2000+ depending upon the model.</p> <p><b>Software &amp; Apps</b></p> <p>Google Suite for Education (Docs, Slides, Sheets, Classroom, Drive, Mail (free))</p>