

Technology Devices for Grades 6-12 Students

Westmount Charter School is a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) (laptop or tablet computer) school for Grades 6 and above. Personal devices are used to access resources, complete assignments and organize the student's work and time. Learning activities may include researching information, producing documents, analyzing data, reading e-books, taking notes, collaborating with partners in group projects, scheduling events and demonstrating learning in new ways. **Students may bring the device that best suits their personal learning needs. This may be a laptop, tablet or hybrid/convertible device.** We realize this makes the choice of device more complex for families and provide the following information to help with your selection.

All grade 6 and above students will be assigned a Google Apps for Education account that will provide them with access to productivity tools such as:

- Email – students will be assigned an email address by the school which will be used to access their Google Apps for Education account.
- Word processing
- Spreadsheets, and
- Presentations

With access to Google Apps for Education, students are **not** required to have Microsoft Office. If MS Office is on their device, they may use it for school work.

All devices used by students should be capable of the following tasks:

- Internet browsing
- Typing
- Using Google Apps for Education
- Watching videos
- Photo manipulation (basic level – importing into word processing, changing size, cropping, etc.)
- Adobe Flash compatible is an asset

All students and families are required to review and sign the **Responsible Use of Technology** agreement in the fall. This agreement is posted on the school website for parent review.