

Technology for Grade 5-12 Students

Westmount Charter Mid-High is a **Bring Your Own Device** (laptop or tablet) school for Grades 5 to 12. Personal devices are used to access resources, complete assignments and organize 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.

At the MidHigh campus, we use **Google Suite for Education** which is provided by the school, for each WCS student. This gives them access to productivity tools such as: their wcs-g email, word processing, presentations and more. These may be used during the school year.

Grade 5-8

In middle school, students are permitted to bring the device that best meets their learning needs. This may be a laptop, tablet or hybrid/convertible device. It is suggested that if you are using an ipad or tablet, also ensure you have an external keyboard.

Note: Ipads and chromebooks will NOT connect to the student printer.

Grade 9-12

Starting in grade 9, students will need to have a computer that can run the Alberta Education online testing platform.

This program is required for students to have and run on their personal computers, as ALL Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) and Diplomas will be online. The online technical guide for the computers and programs needed to run this program can be found [here](#).

Students who plan to write AP exams must install and run Bluebook. For technical requirements, please click here: [Bluebook Approved Testing Devices](#).

Technology Requirements

Although we do not recommend specific models or types of devices, if you buy a computer or tablet for your child, we encourage you to buy a device that features:

- Wireless networking capability (the school provides filtered wireless access)
- A virus protection program (if purchasing a Windows or Macintosh laptop)
- An external keyboard if buying a tablet (either a separate keyboard or keyboard case)
- A minimum of 6 hours of use from one battery charge

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- A full-functioning, current web browser
- A case that protects the device from damage if dropped
- Portability for carrying to and from school

Students should bring their devices to school daily, fully charged, as power outlets are limited and stretching cords in the classroom to plug them in creates a hazardous environment.

All students are required annually, to review and comply with [AP 342 - Responsible Use of Technology Agreement](#).

Alberta Education Technical Guide for Online Assessment - click [here](#)