

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Laptop Programme

Technology Specifications AY 2020-21

GESS has a BYOD program in place for the Secondary School environment. As such, students from grades 6-12 are expected to have a device that meets the below requirements.

Devices

All students are required to have their own personal Windows 10 device. Parents have the flexibility to purchase a device that meets the following requirements.

Specs:	<u>Minimum</u> Required
RAM:	8 GB
Storage:	256 GB
CPU:	i5
Battery:	9 hours
Operating System:	Windows 10 Home
Other:	Pen-enabled

Grade 6 and 7 students are required to bring a pen-enabled, Windows 10 device (for grades 8-12 it is highly recommended).

In Singapore, you may purchase your device at retail outlets such as Harvey Norman, Courts or Challenger. Another option is to acquire the device via the portal <https://www.edukinect.com/pages/store> with the following access code: "GESS2020EKSG".

Here you find models which have been carefully selected by Edukinect and GESS for what we found to be a good fit for our educational requirements. For our teachers we have selected the Surface Pro 6 model.

You may buy the device outside Singapore but please check for global warranty.

If you wish for your child to use a device with a German language keyboard (QWERTZ), you may purchase this in Germany. For the Surface Pro model, a language specific keyboard (e.g. German or French) can be bought separately in the respective country.

Software

The **Microsoft Office 365 license will be provided by the school** and the student will be instructed how to download the software.

Security

Students must ensure they have a legal and licensed version of Windows 10 operating software. As for anti-virus software, Windows Defender is pre-installed in Windows 10. Should students prefer a Non-Microsoft anti-virus software, they may add this when purchasing their new devices from the vendor of their choice.

FAQ's

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