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Cleveland District State High School

Preparing students to meet the future



2026 - Bring Your Own Device

Cleveland District State High School is a BYOD school.

It is an expectation that all students enrolled at CDSHS participate in the BYOD program and supply their own laptop device.

(See minimum specifications for laptops on the following page) All student's laptops are connected to our school network.

Students MUST connect in this way to access:

- SAFE filtered internet connection.
- Printing - using high quality printers in the library. (A nominal credit amount is added to a student's account at the beginning of the year. Extra printing credit may be purchased at the office.)
- Office 365 OneDrive – a personal drive for saving school work. This drive provides a safe backup location. A copy of all school work should be saved on OneDrive. Documents saved to the students OneDrive account are available 24/7 whenever the student has internet access and signs in to their Office 365 account. Students have up to 1TB of storage available on OneDrive.

School Software

DOE (Department of Education) provides Students with the following free software.

Microsoft Office	Microsoft's Student Advantage allows the download of MS Office on to 5 separate devices. Instructions to download, install and activate this software at home are available on our school website.
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School Technical Support

School technicians are only able to provide a diagnostic level of support for BYO Laptops.

Software/Hardware warranty and Accidental Damage Claims are the responsibility of the parent/carer and their vendor.

The school's ICT Helpdesk is located at A6 and is open from 8am - 4pm Monday to Thursday and 8am - 3:30pm Friday.

Mobile Hotspot

The DOE uses web filtering for student internet use to protect against web threats and inappropriate websites.

Mobile hot spotting provides students with UNFILTERED networks. These types of internet connections need to be disabled before arrival at school as the school cannot monitor or take responsibility for content accessed via these methods.

Minimum Laptop Specifications

When purchasing a laptop please present this checklist to the vendor to ensure the laptop meets the listed minimum specifications:

Type	Minimum Specifications	Does Laptop Meet Specifications?	
		Yes	No
Platform	Windows laptop or Apple MacBook Not Supported: Apple iPads, Android Devices, Mobile Devices		
Screen Size	13" screen for portability and weight		
Processor	Quad Core Processor - Intel i3 or i5 / AMD equivalent. Snapdragon has compatibility issues with the EQ network and NOT recommended at this stage		
RAM	8 GB or higher		
Hard drive	128 GB SSD or higher 256 GB SSD or higher for IDT, Media or Graphics		
Operating System	Windows 11 Mac OS 12 NOT SUPPORTED: Windows 10 S Mode or RT, Chromebook or distributions of Linux		
Battery life	8 hours or longer		
Wireless	Dual-band wireless (2.4 & 5 GHz) Devices must have 5GHz capability		
Features	USB A port (or adaptor), headphone port (or adaptor), microphone, webcam		
Virus Protection	Built-in system protection for Windows & Mac OS		
Other	Protective case highly recommended Name and contact details for identification purposes on device and case		

Warranty and Accidental Protection

Laptops are expensive technical devices, and they do break down and can be damaged in a High School environment. **We highly recommend every laptop has Accidental Damage Protection (ADP) insurance.** It may be an option to add ADP to home and contents insurance.

If minimum specifications are not met, the laptop will not connect to the school network.

In the second half of 2025, computers running Windows 10 will no longer be able to connect to the department's network. This is because Microsoft will stop supporting Windows 10, which means these systems won't receive the necessary security protections and updates.



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