



2025-2026 6-8th grade BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Program

Dear Parents,

Prince of Peace students in grades 6-8 are required to provide their own non-cellular laptop or tablet with a keyboard. The students will be using their devices at home and at school to write original work, access online resources, and utilize online textbook features.

Each student uses a school-provided Microsoft Office 365 account which allows the student to download and install the latest Office version. Generally, any laptop or Windows tablet purchased in the last few years should meet the BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) specifications needed.

Students must have a charged non-cellular laptop in school every day.

Care and Safety Checklist:

- Case (**sturdy/rugged case** with a handle *or* over the shoulder strap) Books and papers will *not* be carried in the case.
The case should hold the device, keyboard if it is not attached to the device, and earbuds.
- We strongly suggest you purchase a service plan with Accidental Damage through the manufacturer & Theft protection through an insurance company to protect your investment.
- All families are responsible for repairs and maintenance.

Features Checklist:

- Non-cellular device with a keyboard
- Windows 11 only. No S-Mode, Apple Macs, iPads, or Chromebooks.
- Proactive anti-virus protection
- Intel or AMD Core or higher like the 'i5 series' processors
- Memory – at least 8 GB of RAM
- HD - 128 GB or more. We suggest **solid state** HD.
- Dual-band wifi card

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- Minimum 8-hour battery or more
- Earbuds. No Air pods. We actually want to see the cords 😊

Notes:

- Be familiar with your device's photo and video editing apps such as Windows Video Editor.
- Download & install GoGuardian and [Microsoft Minecraft EDU](#).
- Students should **not** be Administrators on their devices. A parent should be the Administrator with full rights. The student should be listed as a Standard User.
- If a teacher needs an application installed at home, the teacher will send advance notice to parents.
- The official name of the device (Ex: MSmith Laptop) should include the family last name.
- Identifying labels with the student's name should be on the laptop, charging cable, earbuds cord, and on the case.
- For students whose laptop chargers are no more than 65W, they are welcome to bring a portable charging device/power bank. Ex. Halo Bolt

It is totally up to each family to decide where to purchase your system.

No matter where you go, be sure to ask about education/school pricing.

Some good sources for purchasing devices and extended warranties are:

- 1) [Dell.com](#) We recommend 'built for education' over consumer/retail devices.
- 2) [Microsoft](#): Questions? Call your local Microsoft Store.

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