

COCHRANE HIGH LAPTOP INITIATIVE

Minimum Laptop Standards

PC Laptops

- Pentium 4 processor
- 160GB Hard Drive
- 2GB RAM
- Wireless “g” or “n” capability (the “n” card has proven to be a better wireless device)
- Anti virus software

Mac Laptops

Any Intel-based Mac laptop meets the minimum requirements for Cochrane High.



Software

Productivity (Required)

Every laptop must have a basic productivity suite that includes Word Processing, Presentations and Spreadsheets, such as Microsoft Office or Apple iWork (Mac only). PCs must also have a program for creating PDF documents.

Multimedia (Suggested but not required)

Macs include iLife software for multimedia creation. See our links page for PC multimedia software suggestions. Please note that PCs may have additional hardware requirements for multimedia production, so consult your vendor.

Free Software Links

See our “links” tab on the SCHS website for free versions of software, like Open Office, that will meet our basic requirements. All links and software have been tested by the school.

Recommended Accessories

- A **carrying case** to protect the laptop and its accessories.
- A USB **flash drive** of at least 4GB for file sharing.
- An **external hard drive** at home for data backup.

