

LEARNING FROM HOME

PERSONAL DEVICES FOR STUDENTS

For families with means to purchase their own devices for student learning, the TCDSB has summarized some technical guidance and recommendations, as well as options from some vendors below. The TCDSB does not have formal agreements with these vendors and these are simply offerings that have been extended to the TCDSB community. *The TCDSB assumes no liability or responsibility related to these offers or personal devices, will not provide service or support, and will not reimburse families for any costs.*



Technical Guidance

Important Features to Look for When Buying:
Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, Microphone, Webcam, and the latest model to ensure for multi-year vendor support.

Student Grade	Additional Key Features	iPad ¹	Chromebook ²	MacBook ³	Windows Laptop ⁴
Kindergarten to Grade 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tablet or Chromebook • 10" screen or larger • Touchscreen if Chromebook • Rugged case • Parental controls 	<p>✓</p> <p>Include a rugged case</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>Based on individual needs and abilities or family needs</p>		
Grade 4 to 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tablet, or Notebook/Laptop • 10" screen or larger • Touchscreen or Touchpad • Full-size keyboard • USB or similar port(s) • Parental controls 	<p>✓</p> <p>Include a rugged case and keyboard</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>
Grade 9 to 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notebook/Laptop • 11" screen or larger • Touchscreen or Touchpad • Full-size keyboard • USB ports 		<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>

Students with special needs may need different devices or software. Please consult with your teacher or school.

Recommendations

1. For iPad, we recommend the latest generation iPad or iPad Air, base specifications and AppleCare+. For rugged cases, we recommend the OtterBox Symmetry Series cases or similar. For iPad full-size keyboards, we recommend the Smart Keyboard, Magic Keyboard or similar.
2. For Chromebook, we recommend the Dell Chromebook 3100 with warranty.
3. For MacBook, we recommend the latest generation MacBook Air, base specifications and AppleCare+.
4. For Windows laptop, we recommend the Dell Latitude 3190 or 3190 2-in-1 with warranty.

Some Vendor Options

	<p>Apple is the manufacturer and a seller of the iPad, MacBook and other Apple devices and accessories. They have extended their “homeschool teacher” pricing to parents who have a student that will use their products for learning from home.</p> <p>Call 1-800-692-7753 to learn more about the options and details, or to place an order. When prompted, ask for Apple sales and about products for personal use.</p> <p><i>* Note: Special pricing and quantities vary based on product. Tell the agent that a student will use the product and that you are calling from Canada. Orders must be placed with a personal, not business, Apple account.</i></p>
	<p>CDW is a reseller of computing devices and accessories including Chromebooks, Windows laptops, tablets, desktops, headsets and webcams. They have a curated list of common options for learning from home.</p> <p>Visit http://cdw.ca/learnfromhome or call 1-800-972-3922 to learn more about the options and details, or to place an order.</p> <p><i>* Note: Enter the code "LEARNFROMHOME" into the purchase order field when checking out to qualify for free shipping.</i></p>
	<p>Dell is a manufacturer and seller of computing devices and accessories including Chromebook and Windows laptops. They have a curated list of common options for learning from home.</p> <p>Visit www.dell.ca/tcdsb-learnfromhome to learn more about the options and details, or to place an order.</p> <p><i>* Note: Some of the models have been identified as the same found in TCDSB schools.</i></p>