

# **ASFA BYOD**

## **GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

There are many different types of devices a student may use to be successful at ASFA. Here is some guidance from the IT department as to what you might want. For the most part these are **NOT** requirements, just recommendations to help you as you shop.

**\*\*Smart Phones ARE NOT acceptable devices\*\***

**REQUIREMENTS:** Wi-Fi, Camera/Microphone, Office Productivity Suite, & Cloud Storage.

**If you are purchasing a device, we highly recommend you check with your department chair first to make sure it meets department specific requirements.**

### **LAPTOPS**

**NOTE:** The IT department recommends LAPTOPS over all other devices. They are simply the most efficient devices for overall ASFA school use. If you are part of the Math/Science specialty, you will be REQUIRED to bring a laptop. **\*Theater Arts and Visual Arts use Photoshop with our Adobe Suite which does not work on a Chromebook.**

**Memory (RAM)** – We recommend 8 GB or more of RAM (*Note-this is NOT your hard drive! – that is different*) RAM=speed (*in part*)...especially for more complex programs

**Screen Size** – We recommend a 14"-15" screen. This keeps your laptop lightweight and yet functional. Smaller screen sizes can be more difficult to work with over long periods of time.

**Hard Drive** – Almost any size hard drive will work since you will be storing most of your work in the cloud. 500GB or more is probably what you are going to see on most laptops.

**Keyboard/Touchpad/Mouse** – We recommend trying out the keyboard/touchpad on a laptop before purchasing (if possible). Oftentimes students prefer the feel of one brand of keyboard over another. Comfort is very important here.

**Battery** – Obviously, the longer it can run on battery power the better. This is a good place to look at reviews and see what people are saying about battery life. A good resource for reviews is [www.cnet.com](http://www.cnet.com)

**Touchscreen** – We recommend touch screen capability be included if you have a choice.

**Operating System** – We recommend Microsoft Windows or Apple OS X depending on your purchase.

### **TABLETS**

**Screen Size** – We DO NOT recommend any “mini” tablets because the screen size can be prohibitive for everyday use. A larger screen is better.

**Keyboard** – ALL tablets must have a keyboard. We recommend a case as well.

**Capacity** – We recommend 32GB of hard drive space or more depending on your needs. If you are going to be doing a lot of video work in a film class you may need quite a bit more. Most of your work will be stored in the cloud.