Technology Recommendations for Students at Home

All Oak Grove schools have a wireless network (called OGSD-BYOD) in place throughout our district that allows students to bring their own wireless devices to school and connect to the Internet. As a result, we often get asked which laptop or device to purchase. Please be aware that Oak Grove School District is not dictating what you should buy, we are simply sharing some general thoughts on the topic. As such, we are not liable for any decisions you ultimately make, or the loss or damage of a student's device.

The device doesn't have to be a laptop. Any wireless-capable device that uses 802.11 a/b/g/n/ac wireless protocols (i.e. it can connect to the Internet) will work; including devices like, but not limited to: smartphones, tablets and Chromebooks.

Student users can access our network via OGSD-BYOD with teacher permission. The teacher, student and parent must agree and complete the BYOD Policy and Expectations for students and parents. Student access is still filtered through the Oak Grove Internet filter. The use of the devices in classrooms is at the discretion of the teacher so please refer to each teacher's classroom policies for specific information.

If you should decide to purchase a technology tool for your student, there are many options and features to think about. Each person's needs are unique, so this is definitely not one-size-fits-all. Most students do not necessarily need a top-of-the-line device at this point in their learning. As long as the device can reliably connect to the Internet and is easy for the student to operate and create content on, most devices will work within the Oak Grove learning environment.

Oak Grove School District has decided to implement Chromebooks within our schools because of the ease of use, ease of maintenance, and low cost of these devices. We currently use Acer C740 Chromebooks for grades 1 - 8; and Acer C720P Chromebook Touches (which have a touch-screen) for grades TK-KG. These devices are web-based and thus require wireless internet access in order to effectively operate.

All Oak Grove students have a Google account that provides them access to Google Apps for Education (Google Docs, Google Forms, Google Sheets, Google Slides, etc). There is no software that a parent needs to purchase. There are several free or District-provided online student resources posted on the Oak Grove website at www.ogsd.net.