Madison County Schools
Specifications for Donated Computers 2010-2011

Purpose
To define specifications for donated computers from individuals and/or businesses for educational purposes in the Madison County School District.

Donated computers accepted by Madison County Schools will fall into two categories:

1. Stand-alone computers intended to augment classroom experiences, but not to be connected to the district network.
2. Computers that can be connected to the school's network.

To be accepted, the donated computer must be capable of running district or school software and meet the minimum hardware standards as listed below:

Minimum Standards for 2010-2011
1. Pentium IV 2 GHz or higher processor
2. Minimum 3GB RAM Memory
3. CD-ROM Drive
4. 80 GB or larger hard drive
5. Windows XP **Professional**,Vista **Business,** or Windows 7 **Professional**
6. 17" or larger color monitor
7. Hardware must be functional and in good condition
8. Computer must be less than four (4) years old.

The donating individual, group, or company may transfer licensing of Microsoft Operating System and application software by writing a letter indicating the transfer of the license to the school district. Disks and other documentation must accompany all software that is donated with the computer. If the legal license for the operating system is not available to the donor, it is the financial responsibility of the school to purchase the operating system for the computer

Donated computers will not be placed on the school's network without approval of the Technology Coordinator. Before placing the computer on the network, the computer's hard drive will be completely reformatted in order to verify that only properly licensed software (including the operating system) is installed.

Computers (PCs) that do not meet the minimum standards, and Macintosh computers, may be used only as stand-alone computers. *New computers obtained outside of an authorized Madison County Schools' contract (awards or prizes) are considered donations and will receive the same level of support as other donated computers. **Support for donated computers is limited to software maintenance and minor repairs <u>not requiring the replacement of parts or significant technician time</u>.*** ***Computers purchased by individuals, booster clubs or other organizations and offered for donation, with the intention of avoiding the terms of the Madison County Board of Education's Computer Purchase Policy, will not be accepted.***

Computers that are personally owned are to be used as stand-alone computers only and are not to be installed on the network. The hardware must be readily identified as personal property, and system-owned software will not be loaded.   The owner is responsible for all hardware and software support for these machines.