



Middle School 1:1 Technology Options For Non-Digital Immersion Students ONLY

As you heard on Course Selection Night and in response to the call/need for increased access to Technology contained within the new BC curriculum (The BCED Plan), MEI Middle is planning on requiring a technological device on its school supply list for 2016-17. This is similar to a number of other district schools.

MEI's plan is transitional in nature, with a call to increased responsibility and electronic use as students move through the Middle School. We are currently developing a scope and sequence for instruction in Digital Citizenship that will run Grades 6-8 in our school.

- Grade 6s will bring this device to school and it will be slotted into a charging cart in their homeroom classroom and locked in the cart. It will not go back and forth from home to school (Christmas holidays/spring break may be the exception). Grade 7 and 8 students may take their devices back and forth from home to school.
- This does NOT affect Digital Immersion. Digital Immersion will remain as is – with students using Schoology and doing the majority of their education through that platform. The two streams in our school will continue to be different.
- Students in our regular stream will use their computers as educational tools and may or may not use them each day. It is anticipated they will be used primarily for researching and writing drafts. Computers will also be instrumental in our **Integrated Studies blocks** which will occur twice weekly.

This is not a true BYOD program, where students bring whatever technology that they have at home. We have standardized the devices that will be in use at our school, but have provided several options in different price ranges, as listed below. The prices below have been quoted from Staples. Families are free to purchase devices from wherever they'd prefer; however, Staples has created an amazing partnership with MEI Middle and they offer MEI students a 4 year replacement warranty that nobody has yet matched.

Staples offers some payment options for your convenience:

- 6 mos. no interest, no payments. A customer does not have to start paying until 6 mos. after purchase or if it is paid off before 6 months, there is no interest payable. After 6 mos., customer is billed like a regular credit card with minimum monthly payments required.
- 12 mos. equal payments. The purchase is broken up equally over 1 year during which the customer pays the same amount monthly.



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Option 1: HP Stream

Features/Notes	Summary of Options	Staples Payment Plan – over 12 months
11.6 inch screen Windows 10 Celeron N3050 Processor 2 GB RAM Intel HD Graphics	HP Stream - \$299.99 With 4 year Accidental Replacement - \$99.99 Total: \$399.98	\$33.34/month
	HP Stream, 4 year Accidental replacement, Case it zipper binder case – Total \$429.97	\$35.83/month
*Smaller, fits in binder *Better battery life than the 13" screen	HP Stream, 4 year Accidental replacement, Case it zipper binder case, 16gb USB – Total \$439.97	\$36.66/month
	<i>Tech Support and Warranty provided by Staples.</i>	
13.3 inch screen Windows 10 Celeron N3050 Processor 2GB RAM Intel only	HP Stream - \$329.99 With 4 year Accidental Replacement - \$99.99 Total: \$429.98	\$35.84/month
	HP Stream, 4 year Accidental replacement, Case it zipper binder case – Total \$459.97	\$38.34/month
	HP Stream, 4 year Accidental replacement, Case it zipper binder case, 16gb USB – Total \$469.96	\$39.17/month

Option 2: Microsoft Surface 3 or Surface Pro 4

Features/Notes	Summary of Options	Staples Payment Plan – over 12 mos
Rationale: Students in our Digital Immersion Program use the Microsoft Surface Pro tablet. It makes sense to make these tablets one of the options in case a family is hoping for entry into the program at a later time.	Surface 3 95 includes keyboard, stylus, hard case, 4 year warranty - \$1,054.	\$87.91/month
In terms of a device that will suffice for long-term and be versatile, the Surface is your best bet. It will carry students through their Secondary years, has a USB port and video making and editing capabilities.	Surface Pro 4 (128 gb M Processor) includes keyboard, stylus, hard case, 4 year warranty \$1,552.98	\$129.42/month
Surface 3 does not come with Type cover nor stylus. It has a 10.8" screen 2GB RAM and 64GB storage. CPU is an A7 processor which is 20% less powerful than that in the Surface Pro 4. Comes with Windows 10.	Surface Pro 4 – (128 gb i5 Processor) includes keyboard, stylus, hard case, 4 year warranty - \$1,643.97	\$137.00/month

<p>Surface Pro 4 has Windows 10, a 12.3 inch screen, 6th generation Intel Core processor. It comes with 4, 8 or 16GB of RAM.</p>	<p>Tech Support and Warranty provided by Staples.</p> <p>*When device ceases production, they can be exchanged for the device that is a step-down or exchanged for a new device, which if an upgrade, requires paying the <i>difference</i>.</p>	
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Option 3: School “Rental” Unit. Device will be shared and will stay at school at all times. Fee and device varies by grade.

Grade	Fee	Device
Grade 6	\$15/month (\$150 for year)	Older laptop
Grade7	\$15/month (\$150 for year)	Older laptop
Grade 8	\$20/month (\$200 for year)	Microsoft Surface Pro 3 Tablet

