

2023-2024 Device Options

As indicated in your acceptance letter, MEI Middle School is a 1:1 school meaning each student is required to come with a device by September 5, 2023.

Although you are free to purchase your student's device from anywhere, Abbotsford Staples offers a 2-year warranty that includes dropping devices and has a long-standing relationship with MEI Middle. This is a great option for many Middle School students. We urge you to get protective cases for your student's device. We have seen many devices go down over the years, simply because they didn't have a case.

Parents should be aware that your registration at MEI Middle comes with the **Office 365 package**, which will allow your student(s) to work at school, store their work in the Cloud, and then access all that they do at school from any device at home. Families **should not** purchase any Office or Anti-virus packages – they will be included with their device/MEI enrolment.

The following list of acceptable devices are the only ones allowed at MEI Middle. Please do not purchase a device that falls outside of these options.

Surface Pro/Keyboard/Stylus (all models-does not include SurfaceGo)

- + Fast processing
- + Tablet functions allow for multi-use (filming, using the stylus, laptop use, etc.)
- + Has an operating system that allows user to download full programs (photoshop, etc.)
- + Has proven to last many years without slowing down
- + USB Port and expandable memory
- Price is on the higher end

HP 15-dw3007ca Laptop (New model # TBD)

- + The price is more competitive
- + Has a big screen
- + Will preform the basic functions needed at school
- Not ideal for filming or stylus work
- Doesn't typically last as long as the other devices

<u>iPad Pro - Keyboard/Apple Pencil Required (all models)</u>

- + Fast processing
- + Tablet functions allow for multi-use (filming, using the stylus, laptop use, etc.)
- + Has proven to last many years without slowing down
- + Many students are familiar with IOS
- + Very fast processing
- Student would need an iTunes account to download apps
- Price is on the higher end
- No USB

MacBook Pro (all models)

- + Fast processing
- + Has proven to last many years without slowing down
- + Big screen
- Price is on the higher end
- Doesn't allow for filming or stylus

iPad 10.2" or iPad Air 10.9" 256gb - Keyboard/Apple Pencil Required (10th Generation)

- + Fast Processing
- + Proven to last many years without slowing down
- + Many students familiar with IOS
- + Tablet functions allow for multi-use (filming, using the stylus, laptop use, etc.)
- Student would need an iTunes account to download apps
- No USB