



Crusaders Connect 1:1 Initiative

Rationale

The goal of the *Crusaders Connect* 1:1 Initiative is to provide St. Croix Lutheran students with technology that will enhance learning in the classroom and impart the skills necessary for future education and modern career paths.

Requirements

All SCL students grades 9-12 are required to provide a learning device for use in the classroom.

Examples of devices that students may bring include:

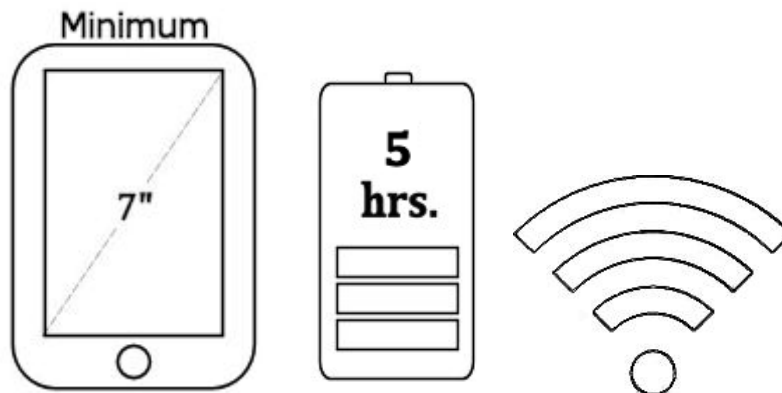
- Chromebooks
- Ultrabooks
- Macbook Air
- Laptops
- Tablets+

*Any manufacturer is acceptable provided the device matches the specs below.

+Based on experience, we do not recommend tablets for classroom use.

Required specifications for an acceptable device include:

- Screen size minimum of 7" measured diagonally
- Battery life that holds a charge for the entire school day (minimum of 5 hours - please note that published battery time is often more than reality)
- Charging of devices will not be allowed during the school day
- Spare batteries may be required for some devices
- Must have WiFi capability



Recommendations

- SCL recommends the purchase of a Chromebook as the device of choice. It is designed as an educational tool that is lightweight, optimized for Google School usage, and is affordable: at a price point of \$200 - \$275, it meets all the educational needs for the student. (Other devices will work as well)
- For protection, SCL recommends students have a carrying case with a keyboard for all tablets.
- For ease of connectivity to the wireless network, we recommend devices be a/b/g/n compatible.



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Dear Parents,

We are excited that the 2017-2018 school year will mark the fourth year of our 1:1 program! Many schools select specific devices or provide them to the students. Our program is a “bring your own device” program. This approach allows families to select the device that fits their student best. It is also the most cost effective for families and SCL.

All students in grades 9-12* are to bring a web-based device to school as part of their daily educational supplies. On the back of this letter is a document that gives the required parameters. Functionality requires us to limit the screen size (minimum) of the device. Safety forces us to require a minimum battery life, since no charging will be allowed at school. External battery options may make any laptop appropriate. Price ranges will vary. A less expensive device will likely serve a student as well as a more expensive one. Any device that is treated well can last for years. Based on lessons from “year one,” we do not recommend tablets for classroom use. Chromebooks and laptops have been more effective and efficient.

We will provide a purchasing portal for devices to make purchasing convenient. However, some devices will be found cheaper elsewhere, and you are under no obligation to use the portal; we simply want to assist you in the process. If you have any questions, please contact one of us, and we would be happy to assist.

In Christ!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd A. Russ". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'T'.

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*The grades 6-8 1:1 program will remain unchanged.