

Senior Academy One-to-One Computing FAQ

Mark your calendar now for the class of 2012 parent/student laptop information meeting on July 31 or August 1, 2011 at 7pm in the BHS auditorium. This meeting is for all seniors and their parents, whether you will rent or will bring a computer from home.

How will computers be used in the Senior Academy?

Students will learn in a variety of ways using computers including:

- Taking notes in One Note, a Microsoft business application
- Producing multimedia presentations
- Using their school-issued e-mail account for collaboration and communication with faculty members and other students
- Turning in assignments to be graded electronically
- Getting back assignments that have been graded electronically
- Taking quizzes and tests
- Creating web pages
- Reading documents
- Blogging
- Evaluating content
- Doing research

What are my choices for a laptop?

The student may bring a laptop or Netbook from home which meets school specifications, or rent an HP Elitebook 2540p for \$225 for the school year as a part of book rental. The same textbook rental adjustments for families on free and reduced textbook rental apply to the laptop program.

Computers from home:

What specifications are required for a student-owned computer?

- Windows 7, XP Professional, or Windows Vista Premium operating system (Startup or Home version will not allow access to school network)
- 1 gig memory minimum (2 to 4 gig preferred)
- Wireless G (minimum) or N (preferred)
- Brand name which parents can get serviced
- School must be allowed to install security key on computer for network access and school-required software including DyKnow and in-school filtering. (this software will NOT filter at home)
- An extended battery

What additional school-required software does a student-owned computer need?

The computer **must** have up-to-date virus protection software.

Computers from home continued:

We will install a **Wireless access** key and **DyKnow**.

What will we do if our student-owned laptop has to be repaired?

Personal laptops are the responsibility of the owners. We will have computers available for a daily rental fee of \$5/day.

Rental laptops

What are the steps for renting a laptop?

1. The rental laptop is \$225 for the school year. You will sign an agreement for the rental laptop and receive a ticket at the parent/student information meeting on July 31 or August 1 to redeem for a laptop at registration on August 2 or 3. Note: If your child qualifies for free or reduced textbook rental, please make sure your paperwork is current for free and reduced lunch.
2. The Senior Academy will require parents to furnish a protected computer case or a backpack with a protected sleeve for the computer. The laptop dimensions are 11" x 9 ¼" x 2." This bag or backpack must be brought to registration in order to receive the rental laptop.

Why is the rental laptop more expensive for 2011-12?

The rental fee for laptops has been increased to reflect the increased cost of purchase and subsequent replacement of the laptops. The replacement cost of the laptops has increased nearly 75% since the initial rental fee was established in 2009.

What about insurance?

Parents are encouraged to check about insurance coverage through homeowner's or rental policies. Student Insurance Partners has provided an optional policy in the last two years and we anticipate the company will offer a program again. In 2010-11, the premium ranged from \$60-\$70 with the deductible ranging from \$25-\$100 depending on the premium level.

What will we do if our rental laptop has to be repaired?

We will repair BCSC owned laptops. If the laptop problem is a warranty-related one, we will provide a loaner computer. If the problem is not warranty-related, the student will need to rent a computer at \$5/day. Servicing such as reimaging due violations of the Acceptable Use Policy will result in a charge.

Am I able to purchase the rental laptop?

There is no rent-to-own program associated with the Senior Academy.