

Student Laptop Recommendations

Students often use laptop computers for classes, homework and so on. This is the WCCC recommended minimum configuration:

1) Processor

- a) Windows:
 - i) Intel i3 or better
 - ii) AMD Ryzen 3 or better
- b) Mac: M1 or better

2) RAM

- a) 8GB or more.
 - i) The more you have, the more applications you can run simultaneously and more smoothly.

3) Storage

- a) 256GB or more. 256GB will meet your needs at Warren, but the more you have, the more you can store on your laptop.

4) Screen Size

- a) 13.3"
 - i) Bigger is nice, but more expensive and harder to carry. Decide this based on your preferences. Consider a smaller laptop and an external monitor at your desk.

5) WiFi

- a) Required
 - i) all laptops come standard with this.

6) Bluetooth

- a) Highly recommended
 - i) almost all laptops come standard with this.

7) Ports

- a) USB-A (rectangular-shaped USB) is the traditional USB. These are often useful for flash drives, printers and the like.
 - i) If your laptop does not come with these, utilizing a dock will also work.
- b) Ethernet: Useful for connecting to wired networks.
- c) HDMI: Useful for connecting to external displays.

8) Software (Mac or Windows)

- a) Anti-malware software. We recommend the free MalwareBytes: <https://www.malwarebytes.com>
- b) Microsoft Office: You may download this for free. Go to our webmail, webmail.warren.edu and from there go to apps.

If you are taking classes that may require additional computer power, such as a drone or computer science class, ask your professor for their recommendations.