



1:1 Device Program (Grades 4 – 8)

Description and Rationale for the 1:1 Program:

As we train students to live as responsible disciples of Jesus Christ, we use technology every day to access information, to communicate, and to generate products which demonstrate understanding and creativity. It has become critical that students have access to technology throughout their learning day and beyond. We hope this program will prove to be an effective solution to the ongoing challenges of having readily available technology for use by our students.

Since our beginning 8 years ago, Hope Academy has provided technology to our students. Just as one could hardly imagine an office space without a device for each person, so too we have chosen to respect our learners by providing them with the technology they need to go about their learning productively and creatively. “1:1” is a term which refers to an educational environment where each student has use of a dedicated device for improved achievement of the school’s learning goals. In our case, students have use of a laptop which, upon graduation, will become the property of the student.

To familiarize parents and students with our program, we have generated a list of Questions and Answers.

FAQ’s:

Q. What are the specifics regarding the Microsoft Surface Go 2 for this program?

A. The current device chosen for our school is the Microsoft Surface Go 2.

Q. What are the benefits of the Microsoft Surface Go 2?

A. The Microsoft Surface Go 2 is portable and light, easy for young children to carry. It can function as a tablet or laptop and comes with stylus and built in storage for the stylus. It turns on very quickly and is a speedy device. Its battery life is exceptional (up to 10 hours). In addition, its life expectancy will hopefully allow the device to be used throughout their time at Hope Academy. Microsoft also will set up our devices free of charge.

Q. What happens when there are problems with the Surface Go?

A. Most problems that students have can hopefully be fixed at school or by our support staff. When this is not possible, the machines might need to be serviced outside the school. Damage which clearly results from accident or neglect will be the responsibility of the student/family. The accidents usually result from drops and spills, the two problems we encourage students and parents to work hard to avoid. Students should not use these devices when food or drinks are around to help avoid this problem.

Q. Do students use the Surface Go in every class, every day?

A. No, but they are required to have them at school and charged every day ready for use at the discretion of the teacher for each class. The need for technology in the classroom is varied, with some classes requiring computer use on a daily basis. In order to keep some balance especially in the younger grades, there are classes and maybe days in which they are not often used.

Q. Will students ever have to turn Surface Go over to the school for redeployment?

A. There may be occasions when Surface Go's are collected for a brief period in order to deploy new applications or upgrades. This will be rare since most deployments and upgrades are conducted remotely through Microsoft Intune.

Q. Will students need a tablet or phone in addition to the Surface Go?

A. No. Though students may bring a phone or tablet with permission (see our current device policy), there will be no such requirement for additional devices.

Q. Will the Surface Go replace textbooks and binders?

A. We are not a "paper free" school. Students will still have paper worksheets and textbooks. While we hope that with these devices there might be a reduction in paper use Hope Academy will continue to use traditional textbook, paper and pencil for the foreseeable future.

Q. Does the student need a case to bring the Surface Go home?

A. Yes, while the Surface Go comes with a keyboard cover and will easily fit into a backpack for the trip to school and the school will provide a case that must be used for protection when traveling

Q. Will the school or parents have control of what is being accessed on the Surface Go?

A. The school will completely set up each computer, through Microsoft Intune, before it is passed to the student. Student downloading and on-line access will all be carefully controlled and limited by the school. Parents will have choice regarding the extent of on-line activity outside of school time, the details of which will be made clear to parents in an orientation session prior to the start of the school year. All use of the device, whether at home or at school can be monitored and accessed by the school.

Q. Will the students/parents need to purchase any program or install any applications for the Surface Go?

A. No, students/parents will not need to purchase any programs or applications. School wide software and applications will be installed by the school. Students will not be allowed to download their own programs.