
Academic year 2025–26

Recommended devices and policies

Prior to the 2025–26 school year, our Middle School program used a one-to-one model in which each student in grades 6–8 was required to have their own iPad, provided by the student's family. Beginning the 2025–2026 school year, iPads for Middle School-aged children will now be provided by the school and families will no longer be required to purchase an iPad. Students in grades 7 or 8 will continue to follow the original policy, using their personal devices.

iPads (Grade 6)

Grade 6 families are no longer required to provide an iPad for their child. Students will use school-owned iPads that will remain at school. We ask that each student have access to a device at home for homework as necessary. This device should not be a phone and can be PC or Apple with internet access.

iPads (Grades 7–8)*

- ☐ **iPad 11"**
Released March 2025 or later
128GB minimum storage
- OR
- ☐ **iPad Pro 11" or 13"**
Released May 2024 or later
128GB minimum storage
- OR
- ☐ **iPad Air 11" or 13"**
Released March 2025 or later
128GB minimum storage
- ☐ **Wireless keyboard**

Laptops (Grades 9–12)

- ☐ **MacBook Air 13" or 15"**
Released March 2025 or later
Minimum 16GB RAM
Minimum 256GB storage
- OR
- ☐ **MacBook Pro 14" or 16"**
Released October 2024
or later
Minimum 16GB RAM
Minimum 512GB storage

School IT policy

1. Students need to read and agree to the Student Handbook. If a student has any questions, they may discuss with either the IT department or the divisional principal.
2. If students forget their device or any accessory (eg. a charger), IT will *not* provide loaner Apple devices. If a student is having a device repaired, IT may be able to provide a loaner device if one is available. Students are ultimately responsible for their devices, and International School of Qingdao bears no responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged technology.
3. International School of Qingdao offers Microsoft 365 through the Microsoft 365 subscription. Students may install any other programs onto their devices, provided that they do not violate the Student Handbook. IT provides an on-site service for any school-related issue. Students are responsible for paying for any replacement parts on their computers.

*Newly enrolled Grade 8 students can choose to buy a MacBook instead of an iPad to help prepare for further study.

For any further IT questions please contact the IT department via helpdesk@isqchina.com, stop by the IT Office (room 204) in person, or dial extension 72040.