

Learning with Technology

ES Grade 4 Expectations for Transitioning from Apple iPads to Laptops

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Dear Families,

In grade 4, your child moves from using an Apple iPad to using a laptop through our BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Program. Students make this transition to facilitate the greater need for typed written work when researching, creating, and documenting.

Below you will find the recent technology guidelines as well as advice on how to support them in practicing some of the skills they will need. From this point forward in your child's education, a laptop is the expected device at AIS to support learning with technology.

| Device and Accessories | | |
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| Device recommendations: | | Device Specifications - Recommended Minimum |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a laptop (MacBook or Windows, lightweight) | | Windows Laptop MacBook |
| Accessories: | | I5 processor 11th generation or above |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working charger with a 3-pin plug • A bag which can safely carry their laptop • Personal headphones | | M1 or above |
| | | 8GB RAM |
| | | 256GB (SSD recommended) |
| | | Most recent Windows (Updated) |
| | | Most recent IOS (Updated) |

Internet Access

Internet access is important as it allows your child to share work with their teacher, classmates, families, do research, and more. Our clean filtered internet enables safe access to approved content when students are connected to school wi-fi.

Classroom teachers will assist students with connecting to the wi-fi once payment has been made. Students who were previously connected using the same device will automatically reconnect at the beginning of the school year.

Personal cell phone hotspots will not be permitted at any time.

Software, Email address and Passwords

Your child will need to access **Microsoft Office 365** with their school email account.

All Office 365 applications (Teams, Word, Excel, PowerPoint) are available online. Students can login through by clicking the Office 365 icon in the Student Section of the AIS website at <https://www.ais.edu.kw/students/>

Email addresses and passwords for Office 365 can be found by visiting the Parents AIS Hub at <https://parents.ais.edu.kw>

Key Skills to Practice

Using the laptop:

- Can your child switch the device on and off?
- Can your child charge it safely?
- Can your child check they are connected to the internet?
- Can your child open Microsoft Teams, Word, PowerPoint and Excel?
- Can your child open and use multiple internet browsers?
- Can your child sign into their school email account?

Typing Skills: For the first time in their school career your child will need to type using a keyboard. We recommend www.typingclub.com or one of these games www.typinggames.zone to practice.