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Tips for Buying a New Computer

LFDCS has wireless capabilities and beginning in school year 2016-17, to support student learning, LFDCS will allow 8th grade students to bring and use in school. Cell phones will not be allowed, but laptops, Chromebooks and tablets may be brought to school by 8th grade students. Below is a list for parents of helpful suggestions when buying new computers and computer store information.

5 tips for buying a new computer

1. Get information about computers from the three sources
2. Make the amount of RAM (random access memory) your main priority for the purchase of a personal computer
3. Shop for a laptop online and visits stores in person before making a decision
4. Take advantage of weekly store specials
5. Don't get distracted by special offers and extra available parts

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Questions to ask when purchasing a new computer

1. Does the computer manufacturer offer a warranty?
2. What is the length of time for the offered warranty?
3. Does the warranty cover both hardware and software issues?
4. What support options (Help Desk) are available? Phone? E-mail? Web? Chat?
5. Is Help Desk support open 24 hours, 7 days a week? If not, what are the hours?
6. Is Help Desk support open on holidays? If not, what days are they closed?

Recommended Device Specification

Laptop	Chromebook	Tablet
Laptop specifications Windows 7, 8 or 10 Memory: 4gb min Display: 14.5" and up Network: wire and wifi Hard drive: 250gb min Antivirus Extra power adapter (school charge)	Chromebook specification Display 15" Memory 4gb Hard drive: 16gb SSD min	Tablet specifications Keyboard Windows 10 Memory: 4gb min Hard disk 256gb SSD Network: wifi

Computer Store Information

1. Best Buy, <http://www.bestbuy.com/site/electronics/computers-pcs/abcat0500000.c?id=abcat0500000>
2. Amazon, http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Dcomputers&field-keywords=
3. MicroCenter, <http://www.microcenter.com/>
4. Staples, <http://www.staples.com/>
5. Office Depot, <http://www.officedepot.com/a/browse/technology/N=5+9021/>
6. Walmart, http://www.walmart.com/search/?query=computer%20&cat_id=3944
7. Apple, <http://www.apple.com/>
8. Microsoft, <https://www.microsoft.com/surface/en-us>
9. CDW, <http://www.cdw.com/LFDCS>

Network Information

In a survey of parents we learned that about 90% of our students have internet in some form. Do you know that Comcast offers discounts for families? They have an *Internet Essentials* program that gets wireless internet for \$9.95 a month and assistance buying a computer if you qualify. These two websites provide the details and the application process:

<https://apply.internetessentials.com/#> in English or

<https://es.internetessentials.com/> in Spanish

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