



## **Gaston Day School**

### **Bring Your Own Chromebook (BYOC) MS Policy**

The Gaston Day School Bring Your Own Device Policy requires all students in 9th through 12th grades to provide their own device to use at school daily. We believe this policy allows access to technology that meets the needs of an Upper School student in order to provide the best possible learning experience.

#### **Responsible Use**

Gaston Day School holds high expectations for student behavior, academic integrity, and the responsible use of existing and emerging technologies. Students who use personal devices while on the Gaston Day School campus or at school-sponsored events shall demonstrate respect for the educational environment and the rights and privacy of all individuals within the school community. All students and parents are expected to sign a responsible use form at the beginning of each school year.

#### **Device Requirements**

Students in grades 3 through 8 are expected to have a Chromebook. Students in 7-8 grades may purchase a laptop following the US device guidelines. Students in Middle School should bring this device to school fully charged every day. Student cell phones are not considered an approved device and should not be used during classes. Given that there are certain technical requirements needed to be successful in the Middle School, students are required to have a Chromebook with the following features:

- Wireless internet access
- Keyboard
- Minimum 11" screen
- Camera and microphone
- Chrome Operating System (OS) (iPads and tablets are not permitted)

#### **(7-8 Grades May Follow This Option)**

##### **Upper School BYOD Device Requirements**

We understand that students have different needs and preferences, and we want them to use the device that is most comfortable for them. Therefore, students are able to choose the device that they want to use at school and should bring this device fully charged to school daily. Student cell phones are not considered an approved device and must not be visible during class time. Given that there are certain technical requirements needed to be successful in the Upper School, students are required to have a device with the following features:

- Wireless internet access
- Keyboard
- Minimum 13" screen
- Minimum i3 processor
- Camera and microphone
- Must be able to install and run software on a Mac or Windows device (Chromebooks, iPads, and other tablets that cannot install and run software will not be permitted)

**Device Registration**

Students must register their device with the technology department at the beginning of the school year in order to obtain wifi access and the appropriate school filters.

**Wifi Requirement**

All students should also have access to a reliable wifi connection at home with a minimum of 1.5 Mbps for 1:1 HD streaming. If required to move to virtual learning, students will be expected to access lessons online, attend synchronous classes, and submit digital assignments.