

MacBook Program

At SSIS we are proud to be a one-to-one MacBook school. This means that students use laptops on a daily basis in their classes as a tool of instruction and learning. Students from **Grade 5 to 12** are required to bring a MacBook, with a number of school provided application installed on it, to school every day, fully charged.

What types of devices may students bring to school?

Please see the list of recommended devices at the end of this document. Note that, from Grade 5, a smartphone or an iPad is not considered an alternative to a MacBook as these devices will not allow students to engage fully with many learning experiences.

Required (Optional for Grade 4, Semester 2)	Strongly Recommended	Suggested
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MacBook Headphones / Earphones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protective case Soft laptop sleeve Padded backpack 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AppleCare+ insurance Keyboard cover / skin External storage USB adapter / dongle

What apps do families need to buy?

Families do not need to purchase any application. SSIS will provide all necessary apps and configure them to be ready for learning. Most of these applications are cloud-based and work through a modern browser. But the school still provides standalone programs installed on student MacBooks such as MS Office suite.

Device Specifications

Below are the minimum and recommended technical specifications:

	Minimum	Recommended
Operating System	macOS 10.15 "Catalina"	macOS 12 "Monterey"
Processor	Intel Core i5	Apple M1
Wireless	WiFi 5 (AC)	WiFi 6 (AX)
Memory	8GB RAM	16GB RAM
Hard Drive	128GB Solid State Drive (SSD)	512GB Solid State Drive (SSD)

All of the devices below have models with these features as standard, but many more options exist, and the specifications of your child's current device may also be sufficient.

- MacBook
- MacBook Air
- MacBook Pro

Apple has a customer support and service center in Suzhou. SSIS purchases Apple devices through the Winsh Technology company, which offers discounts on devices to the school community. Please ask a member of the IT Team at school for an updated list of devices with discounts and contact information.