

# Computer Requirements For All Virtual Academy of Lafourche Sites

1. It is mandatory that students have their own laptops and headphones prior to attending VAL.
2. Fully charged laptops, chargers and headphones must be brought to school daily.
3. It is strongly recommended that the laptop is used exclusively for academic purposes.
4. When laptops are used for other purposes, like gaming or video storage, the memory is used up at a rapid rate and may hinder the progress of students.
5. A slow internet connection will affect the performance of multimedia elements found in all of our software courses.

**Chromebooks, HP Streams and Tablets (iPad, Kindle) are not allowed.**

When purchasing a laptop or using one you already have, please follow the requirements below:

<b>Operating System - Either one of the following:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Windows 11 (Not in S mode)
<input type="checkbox"/> Mac OS® v14 or higher
<b>Processor - Any one of the following:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> AMD Ryzen 3 or higher
<input type="checkbox"/> Intel Core i3, i5, i7, i9 or i11
<b>Memory</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> At least 8 GB RAM
<b>Hard Disk Space</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 250 GB or larger (Solid State is recommended)
<b>Display</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Both touch screens and non-touch screens are allowed.
<b>Touchpad</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> If your child is not comfortable using the touchpad/mousepad, please provide an external mouse (wireless or USB).
<b>Note:</b>
<b>Chromebooks, HP Streams and Tablets (iPad, Kindle) are not allowed.</b> Chromebooks are not compatible with some of our online programs. The hard drive space is very small on a HP Stream. Some of our curriculum do not have apps available for tablets.