

Students in grades 9 through 12 are required to have a laptop for school use.

The Dell Inspiron 1501, 1525, Compaq Presario C700T or similar models will meet all of a student's academic needs. If you decide to purchase another model, below are the **minimum** technical requirements that are recommended for a laptop that will be used as an educational tool. **Note:** most current laptops will exceed these minimum requirements:

Operating System: Windows or MAC Minimum Requirements

- *At least 256MB of Memory (most will come with much more)*
- *Intel® Celeron® M Processor 380 or AMD Sempron (1.60 GHz/400MHz FSB/1M L2 Cache) or any Dual Core Processor*
- *40 GB Hard Drive*
- *Wireless capability (802.11 b/g WLAN)*
- *At least one USB port*
- *24X CD/DVD Drive (preferably one that includes a CDRW burner)*
- *A flash-memory device allowing backup of files. Please note: “lost files” due to computer failure cannot be used to excuse delayed or missing assignments. **ALL school work should be backed-up.***

You may want to increase any of these specs based on individual preferences. For instance, if your student will be storing digital photos, music and/or using robust applications or if multi-tasking speed is important, you may want to upgrade the hard drive, memory and/or processor to meet your additional needs.

Additional features that families may wish to consider purchasing include:

- *An extended term and / or fuller service warranty*
- *Accidental damage insurance*
- *Anti-virus software (available for free via the Microsoft Windows site)*
- *Monitoring / control software to protect against inappropriate use*
- *A larger hard disk / expanded memory*

Dell's website provides helpful comparison specification information, but if you have any questions about technical specifications for the notebook computer please e-mail mwalker@holyspiritprep.org

Students, in grades 9-12, should have a notebook computer available for their use at school by not later than Thursday, September 1st, 2011.