

Learning with Technology 2023/2024

Expectations for Transitioning from Apple iPads to Laptops

Dear Families,

As your child moves from using an Apple iPad to using a laptop at school, they will make a significant learning with technology switch at AIS. We continue with our BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Program, and we move from the guided learning supported by apps on their Apple iPad to using a laptop computer. All students will make the transition from Apple iPads to laptops to facilitate the greater need for typed written work when researching, creating, and documenting. This requires both modern technology and new skills. Below you will find the recent technology guidelines as well as advice on how to support them in practicing some of the skills they will need. From this point forward in your child's education a laptop is the device expectations at AIS that will best suit learning with technology.

Device and Accessories		
Device recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a laptop (MacBook or Windows, lightweight) Accessories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working charger with a 3-pin plug A bag which can safely carry their laptop Personal earplugs/headphones 	Device Specifications - Recommended Minimum	
	Windows Laptop	MacBook
	I5 processor	I5
	8GB RAM	8GB RAM
	256GB (SSD recommended)	256GB (SSD or NVMe)
	Most recent Windows (Updated)	Most recent IOS (Updated)

Internet Access

Internet access is important as it will allow your child to share work with their teacher, classmates, families, do research, and more.

To connect to the school network, please take the device to the IT office (located just inside the main entrance). Our filtering software enables safety of access to approved content only when students are connected to school wi-fi. In the past connection fees have been 25KD per year and will be fully set up by our IT staff. Parents will be notified of the Internet Access Setup by the IT Department before the beginning of the school year.

Personal cell phone hotspots will not be permitted at any time.

Software, Email address and Passwords

Your child will continue to access **Microsoft Office 365** with their current account. The username and password will remain the same. Links to both Office 365 and the school email can be found on the students' page on our website: <https://www.ais-kuwait.org/students/>.

All Office 365 applications (Teams, Word, Excel, PowerPoint) should be downloaded to your child's computer before the school year begins.

In case you need support in having your child log in to their Office 365 account, you can find details in your child's Plus Portals account.

Key Skills to Practice

Using the laptop:

- Can your child switch the device on and off?
- Can your child charge it safely?
- Can your child check they are connected to the internet?
- Can your child open Microsoft Teams, Word, Power Point and Excel?
- Can your child open and use multiple internet browsers?
- Can your child sign into their school email account?

Typing Skills: For the first time in their school career your child will need to type using a keyboard. We recommend www.typingclub.com or one of these games www.typinggames.zone to practice.