

University Laboratory High School Laptop Program

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Who can bring their personally owned laptops to school?**

All sub-freshman (subbies) must lease a laptop through Uni High for an annual fee of \$260. Freshman through Senior have the option to either lease a laptop through Uni High for an annual fee of \$260 or to bring a personally-owned laptop that meets the specifications set by the school on the *Laptop Specifications* page of this packet.

- **Can my student bring a tablet instead of a laptop?**

No. If your student elects to bring their own laptop, it must be able to run a full-fledged operating system (Microsoft Windows & Mac OS X). Students **MAY NOT** bring tablets including iPads and Android tablets, as well as Chromebooks or computers running Linux. Microsoft Surface **PRO** tablets are an exception as they can run a full version of Microsoft Windows (attachable keyboards are highly recommended).

- **What software will Uni High provide?**

If you elect to lease a laptop through the school, all required software is included in the laptop fee (\$260). If you elect to bring a personally-owned laptop, Uni High will not provide any software.

- **What software am I required to purchase? (personally-owned computers only)**

Students that elect to bring their own laptop are responsible for purchasing and installing any required software for their classes. Please refer to the *Required Software* page for more information.

- **Can I purchase insurance through Uni High?**

No, Uni High is not selling insurance for personally-owned laptops. Warranties can typically be purchased at the retail store or from the laptop manufacturer at the time of purchase.

Laptops leased through the school include a 3-year warranty that includes accidental damage in the \$260 laptop fee.

- **Are laptop fees eligible for fee waivers?**

Laptop fees may be waived, but there is a strict process in place. It begins with any affected family contacting uni-office@illinois.edu or 217-333-2870 for the Main Office.

- **Information about Malware, Viruses, Spam, Phishing, Ransomware, and Email Spoofing.**

<https://answers.illinois.edu/78578>

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Laptop Specifications



	WINDOWS PC	APPLE MACINTOSH
Operating System	RECOMMENDED Windows 10 or higher MINIMUM Windows 10	RECOMMENDED MacOS 13 MINIMUM MacOS 11.7.9 or higher
Processor Type	RECOMMENDED Core i5 Processor or higher MINIMUM Core i3 Processor or higher OR Equivalent Quad-Core AMD or higher	RECOMMENDED Apple silicon Processor MINIMUM Intel processor 2018 or newer
Memory	RECOMMENDED 16+ GB RAM MINIMUM 8 GB RAM	RECOMMENDED 16+ GB RAM MINIMUM 8 GB RAM
Hard Drive	RECOMMENDED (SSD) 500 GB or higher	RECOMMENDED (SSD) 500 GB or higher
Warranty	RECOMMENDED 3 years	RECOMMENDED 3 year parts and labor AppleCare
Insurance	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED Comprehensive breakage, theft, liquid spill, hazard	RECOMMENDED 3 year parts and labor AppleCare
Software	REQUIRED Please refer to the <i>Required Software</i> page for more information.	

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Required Software

Other free software used throughout the year can be found here <http://go.uni.illinois.edu/commonsoftware>

Microsoft Office 365 (Free) – follow store instructions

- Win/Mac: <https://webstore.illinois.edu/shop/product.aspx?zpid=2816>

Anti-virus (Free)

- Windows: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/windows-defender>
- Mac: <https://home.sophos.com/mac> (Use Free version)

GeoGebra Classic 6 (Free) – Required for all math students

- Win/Mac: <https://www.geogebra.org/download>

Mathematica (Free) – follow store instructions

- Win/Mac: <https://webstore.illinois.edu/shop/product.aspx?zpid=3508>

StatCrunch (\$13.75/6 months) – **Do not purchase until instructed by your teacher.**

Depending on your student's math curriculum, you may be required to purchase StatCrunch.

- Win/Mac: <https://register.pearsoncmg.com/reg/buy/buy1.jsp?productID=41710>

Vernier Logger Pro (Free) – Instructions to install will be presented in Chemistry class

ChemDoodle (Free) – Instructions to install on website.

- Win/Mac: <http://www.chem.illinois.edu/clcwebsite/ChemDoodle.html>

Odyssey Student College Student Ed. – All Chemistry classes will be required to purchase Odyssey Student for \$25 (with coupon code **ULHS25**)

- Win/Mac: http://store.wavefun.com/product_p/OdyCollStudent-Download.htm

Spartan Student and Odyssey College Student Bundle – Chem B & Chem D will be required to purchase the Spartan Student & Odyssey Student bundle for \$60 (with coupon code **ULHS40**)

- Win/Mac: http://store.wavefun.com/product_p/SpStudent_OdyCollStudent.htm