

S1 Recommendation for purchase - Information for parents

Dear parents of Leibniz-Gymnasium,

we would like to give you some information about buying a tablet for school use. First of all, it should be emphasized that we do not prescribe or clearly recommend any particular device. The decision whether to purchase a tablet for your child is entirely up to you. The school assumes no liability for personal devices. It is also your responsibility whether and to what extent you wish to use parental controls.

Manufacturer: iPads are currently available to us as school-owned devices. As a school, we have chosen Apple devices because they bring many advantages in managing apps and users (#MDM), as well as a quick and easy service for distributing files (#AirDrop). In the future, there may be an opportunity to include private Apple devices in our environment (#MDM) to assist you with installing apps relevant to the classroom.

Device requirement: no particularly power-intensive apps are needed for school use. Textbook licensing apps only need to be able to display the books, so older type devices and used devices should be perfectly adequate. Please do not use student-owned laptops in class, only tablets. The opening for digital devices explicitly refers to their use. The publishers of some of our textbooks state on their websites that the textbooks cannot be viewed on e-book readers, so we advise against the use of such devices.

Internet access: The apps and services of the publishers of our textbooks (generally) also make the books available for download, so that the devices do not require permanent access to the Internet. It would therefore be sufficient to use a device with access to the home WLAN that does not have its own SIM card for mobile data or a long-term contract. In the future, we will continue to strive to open our school's own WLAN to the students. Unfortunately, our current connection does not yet allow this opening, as the high number of devices then makes the Internet connection unusable for everyone.

Battery charging: Charging of private devices is currently not allowed in the school building (too few sockets in the rooms, TÜV, specifications from the state, etc.). Especially for older devices, an additional purchase of a mobile charging option (#Powerbank) should be considered. In general, it should always be ensured that the devices are charged before school starts. In the future, the installation of fixed charging stations is already being considered. The exact implementation and associated specifications are currently being clarified.

We hope that this has answered your initial questions. If you have any further questions or thoughts, please feel free to send them to Mr. Böhm:
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Kind regards,
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