

PROGRAMS REQUIRING LAPTOPS

2025-2026

Students in the following Academic Programs Require Laptops

*If you are in a non-laptop program you may still be required to have a laptop computer for certain classes.

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Laptop Technical Requirements

Technology resources are an essential tool in accomplishing your educational needs. Northland technology resources have been standardized and tested with the listed requirements. Systems that do not meet the requirements may not work or receive support.

OPERATING SYSTEM

Microsoft Windows 11 (Preferred)

- Older operating systems are not updated and vulnerable to security risks and may have limited support
- Mac computers may be an acceptable alternative in some programs, unless noted
- Chromebook devices are NOT supported

SOFTWARE

Office 365: FREE for Students!

- Office 365 is a FREE Download from your Northland Student Email account
- The free download for a windows-based PC includes: Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Publisher, <u>Access</u> and Outlook
- The Mac version of Office only includes, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook
- Google Chrome recommended browser
- Anti-Virus Software: Current Anti-virus Required!
- Windows Defender comes FREE with Windows!

HARDWARE

- Memory: Minimum of 8 GB RAM-Additional recommended
- Hard Drive: Minimum 250 GB additional recommended
- Web Camera (Built in or attached): as noted by program
- Network Adapter: Recommended
- Headset Microphone: Recommended
- File backup Solution: All students have access to Microsoft One Drive accounts for storing files.

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