

BECKMAN HIGH SCHOOL

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Student Laptop Program FAQ's

Below you will find answers to some of the more frequently asked questions regarding Beckman High School's student laptop distribution. If you have additional questions or concerns, contact Brenda Eley at 714-734-2900 Ext. 525 or through email at beley@tustin.k12.ca.us.

Question	Answer
What needs to be done for a student to receive their laptop?	All BHS students are issued laptops on their designated Registration Day.
What if a student damages or loses the laptop?	The student is liable for any loss or damage that occurs (same as a textbook). The replacement cost for the Toshiba laptop is \$842. Insurance is available through two different companies. Insurance information can be picked up in the library or through the school website.
Does a student have to check out a laptop? Can't they just leave it at school and pick it up every day?	A student does not have to check out a laptop. However, as with a textbook, the laptop will be essential for TUSD educational programs. We encourage parents to look into the insurance options if they are concerned about liability. A student picking up a laptop at the beginning of the day and turning it back in at the end would still be liable for anything that happens during the school day. Additionally, BHS does not have the capability to overnight charge and secure large quantities of laptops.
Can a student just use their personal laptop?	We encourage students to use the school issued laptop. If parents or student insist on the BYOD program instead, they must sign the TUSD BYOD Participation form, and the computer must be verified to meet the existing minimum computer specifications. The minimum specifications are identical to the current Toshiba Laptop, an Intel Core i5, 13" screen, 4GB Memory, 128 GB Storage. Additionally, the TUSD will not install any software on the computer, but any specific software required for the class is the responsibility for the student to provide if enrolled in the BYOD program. Issues with personal computers will not be supported by BHS or TUSD personnel.
What precautions should students take to avoid theft?	Students should never leave their laptop unattended or transport it in the open. The laptop should remain concealed in backpack or other suitable bag any time it is not in use. Students should not use PE lockers to secure their laptops.
Can other family members use the laptop?	The laptop is for student use only. Parents may use the laptop to access the Aeries Parent Portal to check student information and grades. The student is liable for all activity that takes place on the laptop.
How often will the laptops be used?	Laptops will be used every day in every classroom.
What will the laptops be used for?	Laptops will be used for a variety of educational purposes including, but not limited to: web based research, discussion boards, access to assignments, assessments (tests/quizzes), project based learning, development of documents, spreadsheets, and presentations.
When will laptop distribution begin?	Students will begin receiving laptops on their designated Registration Day.

PLEASE NOTE: Students should always visit the BHS Library with ANY laptop issues they have. IT and the Beckman Tech Team are in the Library every day at break and lunch to assist students.