

Checklist for Netbooks

	Plain English	Geek Speak
	Battery Life: minimum of 6 hours	6 cell Li-ion battery
	Operating System: Windows XP Home	OS Genuine Windows XP Home <i>AVOID Windows Vista or Linux</i>
	Processor: Intel Atom (N280 or N270 is good)	Intel CPU & Chipset: Intel Atom N280/N270
	Memory (RAM): 1 gigabyte is typical, but we recommend upgrading to 2 gigabytes for better performance	1GB DDR2 SO-DIMM Upgrade to 2GB DDR2 SO-DIMM if possible
	Wireless Data: this means the computer can pick up the school's WiFi network. Minimum is 802.11 b/g (b/g/n is ideal but can be more expensive)	WLAN 802.11 b/g/n @2.4 GHz
	Storage/Hard Drive Space: 160 gigabytes	160 GB HDD
	Built in webcam	1.3 M Pixel / 0.3M Pixel is typical
	Built in microphone/speakers	Hi-Definition Audio CODEC Stereo Speakers Digital Array Mic 2x Audio Jack (Head phone / Mic-in)
	USB Ports: minimum of 3 is typical	3x USB 2.0
	Warranty: Typically comes with at least 1 year warranty from the manufacturer – ideal to have 3 years total (1 year manufacturer plus 2 year service plan). Ask to be sure that the service plan includes parts and maintenance, also see if you have to mail it in or just bring it to the store for repairs.	
	Insurance: You can purchase insurance through Student Insurance Partners; cost is between \$30 and \$60 per year depending on type of coverage your purchase. The insurance can also include iPod, cell phone, calculator, textbooks, camera, and musical instruments for an additional \$5 fee. Details can be found at http://www.studentinsurancepartners.com/sip/coverage .	