



Dear Academy Families,

Welcome to Academy at the Lakes. We are excited to partner with you as your student begins this next chapter with our school community.

As part of our continued effort to provide a consistent, secure, and well-supported technology experience for students, Academy at the Lakes is beginning the rollout of a school-managed student device program. Beginning with the **2026–2027 school year**, all new students entering grades 7–12 will be required to participate in this program and purchase a MacBook that is issued and managed by the school.

This program is designed to ensure that students have reliable devices that meet the instructional needs of our classrooms while also allowing the school to provide appropriate support, management, and security. By moving to a standardized device environment, we will be better able to assist students and teachers, reduce compatibility issues, and support responsible technology use. [Learn more about the Student Device Program here.](#)

We recognize that some new families may have already purchased an Apple device in preparation for the upcoming school year. Because this is the first year of the rollout, families who have already purchased a compatible Apple device may be eligible for the same temporary grandfathering option being offered to current families. To qualify, the device must meet the school's minimum specifications of **512GB storage** and **16GB RAM**.

Each student device — whether purchased through the school or enrolled through the grandfathering option — will be enrolled in the school's device management system and connected to a school-issued Apple ID. This allows the school to install required educational apps, apply school settings, assist with troubleshooting, and maintain a secure and consistent learning environment. Because the device will be used for school, students will be expected to use the school-approved app and software environment. Certain apps, extensions, VPNs, games, and other software may be restricted as part of the school's device management program to support instruction, testing, content filtering, security, and device performance.

In most cases, enrollment of an eligible grandfathered device can be completed without removing existing data, but families should back up the device before setup. This grandfathering option is intended to support families during the transition to the new program and will be phased out over time as eligible students graduate or replace existing devices.

Thank you for your partnership as we work to strengthen the learning environment for our students.

Sincerely,

Pat Pesch  
Chief Financial Officer