

UPPER SCHOOL LAPTOP PROGRAM

2025-2026 School Year

NOTE - Laptop distribution will occur on Friday, August 7th, and Monday, August 11th, between 9 AM and 12 PM in the Upper School lobby.

Each 9th-grade and new-to-KCD upper school student is required to use a laptop issued through the KCD laptop program. KCD will purchase the laptops in bulk through Apple's EDU division and then distribute the laptops to students before the start of school.

The \$1,238.00 laptop includes the laptop, four years of accidental damage warranty protection with loaner usage as needed, a soft case for backpack transport, and on-campus hardware/software support. By purchasing the laptops in volume through KCD's account, we are able to pass on tax-free EDU pricing to families and get access to warranty options not available to general buyers.

Detailed Specifications for the Macbook Air 13" M4

This is a great all-around laptop for our students. We have been using the M1 version of the MacBook Air for several years, and it is excellent, but we went with the M3 version for 24-25 since it is the newest processor available and will ensure that devices are still running well after four years of use at KCD. The laptop is lightweight and easy to carry from class to class while still offering powerful performance and long battery life.



13-inch MacBook Air: Apple M3 chip with 8-core CPU and 8-core GPU, 8GB, 256GB SSD - Silver (Packaged in a 5-pack) ↗

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Specifications ▾

Chip (Processor): (065-CG8D) - Apple M3 chip with 8-core CPU, 8-core GPU, 16-core Neural Engine
Memory: (065-CG8G) - 8GB unified memory
Storage: (065-CG8K) - 256GB SSD storage
Power Adapter: (065-CG8P) - 30W USB-C Power Adapter
1080p FaceTime HD camera: (065-CGC0) - 1080p FaceTime HD camera
Two Thunderbolt / USB 4 ports: (065-CGC1) - Two Thunderbolt / USB 4 ports
MagSafe 3 charging port: (065-CGC2) - MagSafe 3 charging port
13.6-inch Liquid Retina display with True Tone: (065-CGC3) - 13.6-inch Liquid Retina display with True Tone
Pro Apps Bundle for Education: (065-CGFD) - None
Keyboard Language: (065-CGF0) - Backlit Magic Keyboard with Touch ID - US English
Accessory Kit: (065-CGF8) - Accessory Kit



4-Year AppleCare+ for Schools 13-inch MacBook Air (M3) (no service fees) ↗

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

My child already has a laptop. Can they use that one?

No. All student laptops used in the Upper School must be purchased through KCD.

Why is KCD bulk purchasing student laptops?

Through bulk ordering directly through Apple EDU, we can streamline the ordering process to help make the delivery and device setup more efficient while also saving families money. Volume purchasing ensures that all devices arrive at KCD in time for MDM profile and software setup, and we also save you money with tax-free EDU pricing. All student laptop charges will be charged via FACTS in September.

What is the warranty on the laptops?

All laptops are covered through AppleCare+ for four years with accidental damage coverage and no service fees. With this warranty, a student can get two accidental damage repairs each school year. Any incidents beyond two in a single year will be a family's out-of-pocket expense for repair. Full details can be found [here](#).

Are we required to buy the device warranty?

Yes. Schools generally require parents to purchase an extended warranty with accidental damage coverage, and we have found that both are necessary. Because a laptop has very little internal hardware, most of our laptop issues result from accidental damage, which would be are typically covered very generously by Apple.

Do students actually use the extended warranty?

Yes. Most students will utilize the warranty at least once over their four years here at KCD. Hardware repairs have the potential to be costl, so, the cost of the warranty is more economical than the cost of non-warrantied repairs. The extended warranty also allows our students a stress-free repair and loaner process since

KCD handles hardware and software issues on covered devices.

Why is KCD using the Macbook Air?

Our goal in selecting a KCD laptop is to choose quality, business-class systems that will hold up for our students throughout four years of daily use. Laptops of this level are never the cheapest, but they work well, last a long time, and allow us to offer excellent warranties as well. Apple also enables us to use a Mobile Device Management (MDM) system to help manage inventory, application distribution, and many other aspects of the device.

What if Apple Releases a New Model?

We do our best to order laptops as late as possible in the summer to ensure we get the newest model of everything we buy. Apple typically releases new models in September/October (we have complained to them many times), so we are at the mercy of their release cycle for model availability.

I still have questions. Who should I contact to get answers?

We are happy to help with any questions or concerns you have. Please don't hesitate to contact Jason Sedlaczek, IT Director, at IT@kcd.org or jason.sedlaczek@kcd.org with any questions or concerns.