

# Laptop Pilot Program

### Available to Incoming Summit 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

As Summit students move from elementary to intermediate school, they must provide a personal laptop for daily classroom use and homework. The Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program was established seven years ago, and we've learned a few things along the way. This year we want to offer a pilot program for students entering 5th grade in 2021-2022. Our goal is to reduce the stress on families shopping for a suitable device and help our teachers by reducing the number of different devices they have to support.

Here's the good news! <u>Summit has partnered with Microsoft to offer the Microsoft Surface Laptop Go to our</u> <u>students</u>. If you opt to purchase one of these devices through Summit, we will provide two years of coverage and support. Our IT department will also pre-configure the device to be ready for classroom use on day one. And should your child's device require service, Summit will provide a loaner laptop until the device returns from Microsoft.

But there's more! <u>Summit administration has agreed to place the purchase on your FACTS account, allowing</u> you to pay it off in monthly installments -- no interest fees, no taxes, and the best possible price.

The device we've selected is not entry-level, but it's also not high-end. If properly cared for, the technical specifications should meet the need of your student for many years. The lightweight Surface Laptop Go includes an Intel i5 processor, 8GB of RAM, and a 128GB solid-state hard drive. <u>Your child can choose between three colors - Platinum (Silver), Sandstone (Gold/ Pink), or Ice Blue.</u> Summit's laptop package will provide a protective shell made by Urban Armor Gear that meets military drop-test standards providing increased shock protection.



### Laptop Program • Device Management Details

Summit's IT Department will manage these devices. For two years, laptops purchased through this program will be restricted to school-related software only. Parents may request an administrative account, but students will not be allowed to install programs without permission from Summit's IT department during the coverage agreement. The purpose of this policy is to keep the devices up to speed for their intended educational purposes. Experience has taught us that games, video downloads, and other installations often slow machines down and leave students waiting in class longer than necessary.

## **Device Warranty and Service**

Microsoft warranty support is good for 12 months. Summit will add 12 months to provide 24 months of inhouse support. We will support laptop issues related to regular use - including software and hardware, providing the device remains in the UAG protective shell. We will not cover damages we deem to be caused by misuse or accidents outside the school facilities.

# Pricing and Payment Plan

The Microsoft Surface Go laptop, UAG protective cover, pre-configuration services, laptop loaner program, and 24 months of in-house service is available for just \$725. The total amount will be added to your Summit FACTS account and payable in monthly installments during the 2021-2022 school year. If your family leaves Summit during the school year, the total balance due must be paid before any student records will be released.

We hope you'll find the device we've selected and the incentives we offer enticing enough for you to join this pilot program. The deadline to accept this offer is May 31. You may order on our website at <a href="https://www.summit.school/pilot">www.summit.school/pilot</a>

This is an optional program. If you are not interested, you are still free to provide any Windows 10 laptop (no chrome laptops) provided they meet the minimum requirements of our BYOD program. Laptop requirements are on our website at https://summit.school/technology. Computer setup instructions for those providing their own device are available at https://summit.school/computers. Summit provides and requires all students to use our version of Microsoft Office, antivirus software, and LanSchool. Summit IT does not provide device support for laptops purchased outside of our pilot program. We recommend purchasing an extended warranty for your device.

We believe this is the best possible deal for your student, and it will provide the best classroom experience throughout the school year. If you have any questions about this pilot program, please reach out to Jason Berry via email - jberry@summit.school.

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