

Heathwood Hall

TECHNOLOGY

Heathwood Hall Ninth Grade One-to-One Program

The Ninth Grade One-to-One program is a school-owned, family-lease program where each family leases an Apple MacBook Air from the School. The lease cost for the 2021-22 school year is \$375. This cost includes...

- 1:1 access to a MacBook Air laptop
- a protective case for the laptop
- Apple's AppleCare+ for Schools, a 4-year service and protection plan** ([Details](#))
- all classroom learning and student management software
- on-site tech support and the ability to receive a loaner laptop while the damaged/malfunctioning is being repaired by Apple

By managing the laptop program this way, we can provide an excellent learning environment for the students and teachers with the least amount of downtime in the classroom. Damaged laptops are sent off to be serviced by Apple and students receive a temporary loaner laptop while theirs is being repaired. This means 1) a student will not have to live with a broken or damaged device, 2) they will not be left without a device while theirs is being serviced, 3) the laptop will be expertly serviced by the manufacturer, and 4) this absolves families of the need to make an extra trip to a third-party service. This model also provides teachers with access to management software that allows them to monitor and control some student usage of the laptop.

The laptops issued to the students are managed by the School to facilitate a great experience in the classroom for our students and teachers. The necessary apps and settings are provided directly to the devices, and restrictions are put in place based on school policy. The configuration of the laptop is grade-level specific to create a developmentally appropriate and academically focused experience.

While at school, Internet access is restricted by the School's content filter. A content filter is not in place on other Wi-Fi networks, so parents should monitor their student's Internet use when at home or in other locations.

Student use of the laptop is governed by the Responsible Use Policy included in the Upper School Handbook.

If you have questions or wish to talk about our one-to-one technology initiative, please contact the Academic Technology Specialist, Ryan Novak, at rnovak@heathwood.org or 803.231.7747.

** This policy does not provide any coverage for a lost device.

