

2026–27 Laptop Computer Recommendations

A laptop computer is essential for study at ASMSA, and all enrolled students should have a computer that meets or exceeds the minimum standards listed below. Students will use their laptop computers extensively during their studies for tasks such as accessing the course management/student information system, online exams, Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Cloud, online textbooks, and other course materials. Students who qualify for a full assessment waiver and do not otherwise have access to a laptop computer will be issued a device during their study at ASMSA.

Windows (PC) Laptops

- **Supported processors** — Any modern **x86-64 (non-ARM)** CPU from **2020 or later**:
 - Intel **10th-gen Core** (Comet Lake) or newer
 - AMD **Ryzen 4000 series** or newer
- **Operating system** — **Windows 11 23H2 or newer**.

Apple MacBooks

- **Supported processors**
 - **2020 Intel MacBook Air/Pro** (last Intel models)
 - **Apple Silicon (M1, M2, M3, or newer)**
- **Operating system**
 - **macOS 12 Monterey or later**

Minimum Specs for Both Platforms

- **Memory** — **8 GB RAM minimum, 16 GB recommended** for Adobe Creative Cloud.
- **Storage** — **256 GB SSD** (NVMe preferred).
- **Audio/Video** — Built-in or external webcam and microphone; external headphones.
- **Networking** — Wi-Fi **802.11ac (Wi-Fi 5)** or newer (Wi-Fi 6 recommended).

Purchasing a New Laptop

If you have a laptop computer that meets these minimum requirements, you do not have to purchase a new computer. If you have a computer you've bought in the past two or three years which meets these requirements, it will be likely to work well for the duration of your time at ASMSA.

Repairs and Technical Support

It is your responsibility to maintain your computer. Therefore, you might want to consider an extended warranty to cover the computer while a student. The ASMSA IT Team will assist students on a very limited basis with hardware issues with personal devices. If you need assistance, please call 501-622-5104 or email techsupport@asmsa.org