

Guerin Prep's laptop learning initiative

one-to-one computing



WITH LAPTOPS, OUR STUDENTS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN 24/7—
EXTENDING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM INTO A GLOBALLY-CONNECTED WORLD.

GOALS OF ONE-TO-ONE COMPUTING: GUERIN PREP'S LAPTOP INITIATIVE

- Maximize preparation for college and career
- Emphasize critical thinking and problem-solving
- Build communication and investigation skills
- Provide active, engaging learning opportunities
- Nurture the skills to be life-long learners
- Allow students to adapt technology to personal needs and learning styles

THIS TECHNOLOGY, COMBINED WITH OUR CURRICULUM AND CREATIVE, WELL-VERSED FACULTY, ALLOWS STUDENTS TO:

- Explore diverse cultures and new perspectives
- Receive critical feedback
- Write and edit reports, essays and presentations electronically
- Plan, prepare and present creative multimedia projects
- Access online tutoring
- Organize and store vast amounts of information electronically
- Communicate with teachers and others worldwide

Guerin Prep students lease the ThinkPad® T-series notebook, a perfect balance of performance and portability. This laptop includes Intel® Core 2 Duo with vPro processor technology, Genuine Windows®, advanced NVIDIA graphics and easy mobility, including Wireless WAN capability.

LAPTOPS INCLUDE:

Lenovo T-series
TPAD Protect
MS Office Pro 2007
MS OneNote 2007
MS Windows XP Pro
Anti-virus software
Vital Source

Inspiration
Adobe Photoshop Elements
Geometer's Sketchpad
Notebook Case
Tech Support

Total retail value: \$4,000

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. *Can students buy their own laptops at someplace like Best Buy?*

A. No, Guerin Prep students lease specific laptops to ensure compatibility with our network and software, access to upgrades and support, educational content and tools, loaners and spare parts.

The retail cost of all the software and hardware Guerin Prep provides is about \$4,000. Because of our vendor agreements, not only will they receive fully-enabled laptops, but also immediate support and loaners if needed, typically at no cost.

Q. *After four years of leasing, will students own their computers?*

A. The computer and accessories remain the property of Guerin Prep; however, there will be a modest “buy-out” cost for the hardware if desired by the student/parents.

Q. *When do students receive their laptops and what instructions do they get about use and care?*

A. We provide full orientation for parents and students at the beginning of the school year. This includes the laptop lease, warranty and repair procedures, security discussion and Guerin Prep’s use policy and expectations.

Q. *Will all the students’ textbooks be on the laptop or will books need to be purchased as well?*

A. Electronic textbooks for most core classes are loaded on the laptop. We continue to work with publishers to add books for other classes. Books not on the laptop may be rented or purchased.

Q. *What about safety issues?*

A. The technology department maintains filtering software to block access to inappropriate sites while students are connected to the school’s network. Proper decision-making is an integral part of our program. Parents are advised to carefully monitor use at home.

To ensure physical safety, students are instructed on proper procedures for handling their laptop when traveling to and from school and during extracurricular activities. Special cases that protect the laptop during transit are provided as part of the lease.

Q. *What if something goes wrong with the laptop?*

A. Routine damage is covered under a comprehensive warranty with the exception of intentional damage. Batteries are covered for one year. Loss or theft are not covered, but check your home-owner’s policy for coverage in this area.

Visit www.guerinprep.org/laptop_qanda.html to download our laptop policies and sample lease agreement.

