


Devices in the Classroom *(as of 10/2/2013)*

Device	Pros	Cons
Kindle eReaders	does one thing really well; affordable; allows readers to read at different levels inconspicuously	just black and white text; doesn't do anything else; difficult to sync at school
iPod Touch	Affordable; can do a lot of the things the iPads can do; good camera; touchscreen	small screen; cannot run some of our educational software; no Flash; limited web-based applications; no keyboard; not a computer
iPad	most popular; many apps available; can mirror with AppleTV; touchscreen; good camera	cannot run our educational software; no Flash; limited web-based applications; expensive; no keyboard; not a computer
Kindle Tablets	cheaper than the iPad; touchscreen	locked into an all-Amazon store experience
Chromebook	Often cheaper; simple to use; keyboard, portable; full browser can handle many web-based services and apps	runs completely online with Google Apps; no Windows application; For example- cannot run Microsoft Word; some are not as durable
Microsoft Surface (with Windows RT)	a Microsoft tablet; looks like a Windows computer; USB port; keyboard; recent price cuts; touchscreen	it is not a full Windows computer; cannot run most Windows programs; not many apps available; was a failed product that Microsoft is trying to unload
Microsoft Surface Pro (with Windows 8)	familiar Windows look; it IS a computer that can run Windows programs; can act like a table; USB port, keyboard	expensive; not many touch apps available; short battery life (reported 4 hrs); already replaced by Surface 2
Microsoft Surface 2 (with Windows RT)	a Microsoft tablet; looks like a Windows computer; USB port; keyboard; touchscreen	it is not a full Windows computer; cannot run most Windows programs; not as many apps available; expensive; too new to give full review
Microsoft Surface Pro 2 (with Windows 8.1)	familiar Windows look; it IS a computer that can run Windows programs; can act like a table; USB port; keyboard	expensive; not as many touch apps available; expensive; too new to give full review

<p>Laptop (running Windows 8.1) <i>without touchscreen support</i></p>	<p>most versatile and familiar; more ports; CD/DVD drive; Can run the widest variety of educational software; full browser can handle all web-based services and apps; webcam</p>	<p>Less portable; camera only practical for filming person at the keyboard; no touch</p>
<p>Ultraportable Laptop (running Windows 8.1) <i>without touchscreen support</i></p>	<p>lighter; longer battery life; still quite versatile and familiar; USB ports; can run the widest variety of educational software; full browser can handle all web-based services and apps; webcam</p>	<p>no CD/DVD drive; sometimes higher price; camera only practical for filming person at the keyboard; no touch</p>
<p>Ultraportable Laptop (running Windows 8.1) <i>with touchscreen support</i></p>	<p>Touch support; lighter; longer battery life; still quite versatile and familiar; USB ports; can run the widest variety of educational software; full browser can handle all web-based services and apps; webcam</p>	<p>no CD/DVD drive; sometimes higher cost; camera only practical for filming person at the keyboard</p>
<p>Ultraportable Laptop (running Windows 8.1) <i>with touchscreen support and convertible</i></p> 	<p>Touch support; lighter; longer battery life; still quite versatile and familiar; USB ports; Can run the widest variety of educational software; full browser can handle all web-based services and apps; often has a rear and front facing camera; can act as a laptop and tablet</p>	<p>no CD/DVD drive; higher cost; emerging market; no standard; wide variety of options; some are not as durable</p>
<p>Other Android Tablets <i>such as Samsung, Acer, Asus, etc.</i></p>	<p>sometimes cheaper than the iPad with a lot of the same functionality; might work with our AASD Google Accounts (Google Docs); can do Flash; touchscreen; often has a rear facing camera</p>	<p>wide variety of options, looks, and standards; cannot run all of our educational software; untested; some limited web-based applications; no keyboard; not a computer</p>
<p>Google's New Nexus 7 tablet</p>	<p>simple to use; cheaper than the iPad with a lot of the same functionality; allows multiple accounts and restrictions; works great with our AASD Google Accounts (Google Docs); can do Flash; touchscreen</p>	<p>cannot run all of our educational software; some limited web-based applications; no keyboard; not a computer</p>