

Hello parents, guardians and scholars! Happy Spring! We have more information to pass along to everyone, and as always, let us know if you have any questions.



Recommended Devices

Ignite is a school in which students are expected to bring their own device to school each day, specifically a laptop. Students will complete assignments and interact with the schools multiple platforms through a laptop each day they are at school. While a basic Chromebook from our device recommendation list will suffice for students during the school day and at home, students specifically in the colleges of Computer Science, Design, or Engineering should consider a more powerful machine from the recommendation list, because of the software operations used in those programs.

Bringing your own laptop to school every day is a school requirement. Handheld devices are likewise acceptable to bring to Ignite, but they are not a replacement for the laptop. Participants at Ignite must agree to the following device guidelines:

Student Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Responsibilities and Guidelines:

- Ignite students must adhere to the District Code of Conduct, Board Policies, Acceptable Use Policy and Procedures, and school SBDM policies and procedures.
- Ignite Students assume all risk of theft or damage of devices while on school property. Students should exercise responsible behavior in the use and protection of any devices.
- Students are expected to connect devices to the Boone County Schools wireless network and not connect to personal 3G/4G data plans. All devices connected to the Boone County Schools wireless network will be filtered using the district Internet filtering system as required by law. Users will not bypass or attempt to bypass this filtering.
- Students will bring devices charged and properly prepared for use at school.
- Students will comply with teachers' requests to use/shut down/close/discontinue operation of devices.
- Student devices should be in silent mode while on school property, unless otherwise allowed by a teacher. Devices should be in silent mode on the school bus.
- Devices may not be used to cheat on assignments/tests/classwork or for non-instructional purposes.
- Student devices will connect to the Internet. Student devices will not access printers or local network storage on the Boone County network (U drives).
- Student devices must include anti-virus software as necessary.

- Student devices may not be used to record, transmit, or post images/sound/video of a person or persons during school activities and/or hours, unless otherwise directed by a teacher for a specific educational purpose.

Teacher Device Responsibilities and Guidelines:

- Teachers will have the right to allow/not allow use of devices during instructional class time.
- Teachers will use devices for 21st century learning
- Teachers will monitor devices for appropriate use.

For all devices used on Boone County School District property, the Boone County School District reserves the right to:

- Monitor all activity.
- Deny access to any device that may be deemed harmful to the network or the instructional environment.
- Make determinations on whether specific uses of the computer are consistent with the District’s Acceptable Use Policy (AUP).
- Log network use.
- Deem what is appropriate use.
- Collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing problems that violate either a school rule or law of the state of Kentucky.
- Remove the user’s access to the network and suspend rights to use devices on Boone County School District property.
- Determine where and when devices may connect to the Boone County Schools wireless network.
- Boone County Schools will not provide repairs, installations/downloads, or technical support for devices. If a device interferes with the district network in any way, the device will be banned from the network.
- Boone County Schools is not responsible for theft or damage of devices.
- Boone County Schools will not be responsible for charges incurred on personal 3G/4G plans.

Below are the Ignite device recommendations. A Chromebook is the minimum device needed for Ignite Students. Students in the Engineering, Computer Science, and Design Colleges may want to consider a more versatile device to operate the numerous Computer Aided Drafting, Design, and Animation products. For students in the school of design with a high interest in animation, the PC Laptop is the better choice. The specs listed are the minimum recommended for the program. You may get stronger versions of each device. Specifications not listed are left to your choice.

Chrome Book	
Specification	Minimum
Processor	Intel Celeron N3450, AMD A4-9120C, Intel Core i5 8350U
RAM	4 RAM
Network	Wireless
Hard disk space	32GB + this is for any additional applications

Engineering Laptop & Computer Science Laptop	
Processor	Intel or AMD two+ core processor 2.0 Ghz
RAM	8GB
Hard Drive	250-500 GB
Video Card	512MB dedicated RAM, Microsoft® Direct3D 10® capable graphics card or higher supporting 1280 x 1024 screen resolution*
Optical Drive	NA
Operating System	Windows 7, Windows 8, or Windows 10, 64 bit operating system or Apple device with OSX 10.9 +. Bootcamp required with one of the above Windows operating systems.
Network	Wireless
Design School Laptop – MACBOOK Pro – Option 1	
Display	13 inch
Processor	Intel® Intel 6 th Gen or newer CPU
Operating system	macOS v10.12 or later
RAM	8GB
GPU	2GB of GPU VRAM
Wireless	Wi-Fi
Hard disk space	256GB SSD
Design School Laptop – Other PC option 2	
Display	13 inch
Processor	Intel® Intel 6 th Gen or newer CPU – or AMD equivalent
Operating System	Microsoft Windows 10
RAM	8 GB
GPU	2GB GPU VRAM
Wireless	Wi-Fi
Hard Disk Space	256 GB

Snow Day Policy

We now have a snow day policy! Please keep in mind that Boone and Kenton County Superintendents will work together in the winter months to try and have the same snow days, but here is the policy just in case that is not possible:

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Summer School

Many of you signed up as being interested in classes during the summer of 2019. All classes will be online, but we are still researching the cost, availability, etc. If you signed up as wanting more information or that you are interested in summer classes, we have your information, and will contact you as soon as we know more. If you have not signed up for summer school information please let us know via email or phone if you are interested. Jennifer.Kentrup@kenton.kyschools.us or 859-341-2266.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

First Day of School for Scholars: August 14th, 2019

Last Day of School for Scholars (excluding snow days): May 20th, 2020

Scholar-Family Info /Transportation

Thank you to all of you who filled out the Parent/Scholar information with the link/QR code provided. Having this information ensures us we have accurate contact information and also lets us know how many scholars will be taking the bus to and from Ignite next year. If you have not given us this information, **please click on the link below, or copy/paste it into your browser and fill out the information.** This is important information, so please take a few minutes to do so.



**We will send specific bus times and locations at a later date. Thank you!!*

<https://bit.ly/2Uxj75I>

Physical Education Waivers

Waivers for Physical Education will not be given next year at Ignite. After researching, we found that specific curriculum is needed to be covered to receive a credit for Physical Education. All Physical Education classes will be taken online



College Classes

10th and 11th grade scholars who applied for college classes before March 7 should receive a decision letter sent to their home address by Friday, April 5. We are still accepting applicants for all courses!

If you are interested in applying for a course and have not yet submitted an application, please click on the link below (or copy/paste it into your browser), and submit the form by Friday, April 5.

<https://goo.gl/jNSb55>



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