

## Students' Laptop Policy

Pathways School has a secured Wi-Fi networked campus. Students who carry their own laptops need to get them configured to connect to the PATHWAYS secured Wi-Fi network. Mentioned below are some key policies/procedures that need to be adhered to at Pathways.

- The Laptop that students bring should be Wi-Fi enabled;
- Every Student need to first provide details of the Laptop (make, model, warranty, configuration etc.) to the IT Helpdesk before using it at PATHWAYS;
- The Laptop should be insured and the insurance Policy detail has to be submitted to IT Helpdesk. If the Laptop is not insured, School will get it insured in student/parent's name and will charge the insurance premium to the student;
- IT helpdesk will configure the Laptop making it member of Pathways domain thereby allowing access to the Pathways Network, Internet, print & file sharing etc. It is strongly recommended that students take back up of their data before handing laptop to IT Helpdesk for configuration;
- IT Helpdesk will load the standard licensed software viz. Microsoft Office, Adobe Master Collection, Anti Virus and other educational applications etc. as required case by case;
- IT Helpdesk will also create a Pathways Mail ID for the student with one mailbox having 15 MB space;
- Since PATHWAYS's is a secured network having Domain Level Security amongst others, the Home version of Operating System is not compatible. The preferred Operating Systems are Windows XP Professional (with service pack 2 or above), Windows Vista Business/Ultimate/Enterprise, Windows 7 Professional and students are advised to buy Laptops with these Operating Systems. However in case a student has an existing Laptop with Home Version of Operating Software, IT Helpdesk will try to upgrade it to licensed Professional/Business. This is done on best effort basis as some times some hardware drivers required for upgradation are not available;
- The IT Helpdesk provides support in terms of normal software/hardware issue. Depending on the complexity of the case, in case required, Laptop will be sent to the authorized service centre, after consulting user and charges would be debited to student's account
- Minimum laptop hardware configuration should be as mentioned below.

<b>Processor</b>	Intel Dual core or higher
<b>Memory</b>	2 GB
<b>Optical Drive:</b>	CD/DVD Read/Write
<b>Network Interface Card</b>	Wi-Fi Enabled (Wireless 802.11n)
<b>Hard Disk Drive</b>	120 GB

- Student can buy the laptop without Operating System and application software, from any vendor or school designated vendor, which will save huge amount of money as school will provide all above softwares/applications which are covered under Microsoft School Agreement. If so a student has to buy OS starter OEM.
- Student can enjoy softwares under School agreement till the time student is part of Pathways.

Pathways IT Team