Technology Options for Students

I just can't do this! CNM library loans out laptops/iPads.

Where do I get this stuff? CNM Bookstore, Online Retailers, Local Stores

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Laptop

Pros:
- Most flexible use of apps and programs

Cons:
- Most do not have a touchscreen – limits handwritten note-taking apps

Costs: $200-1800 (Warning: low-end devices are more limited)

Ideas: MacBook, Microsoft surface laptop, Dell Inspiron, Dell XPS, HP Pavilion

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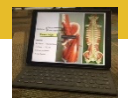

Hybrid

Pros:
- Combines strengths of laptop and tablet
- Includes touchscreen
- Compatible with many apps
- iPad Pro works with Lockdown

Cons:
- Some apps/programs won't work
- Chromebooks do not work with many programs

Costs: $600-1300

Ideas: iPad Pro, HP Elite XL, MS Surface Pro

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iPad/Tablet

Pros:
- Includes Touchscreen
- Works with MS Office 365
- iPad works with Respondus Lockdown browser but other tablets do NOT

Cons:
- Doesn't work with all software
- Screen size reduced by internal keyboard

Costs: $50-800

Ideas: iPad, Amazon Fire, Samsung Galaxy Tab

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Smartphone

Pros:
- Includes Touchscreen
- Works with MS Office 365
- Limited function with CNMLearn

Cons:
- Doesn't work with all software including Respondus
- Screen size is small

Costs: varies

Ideas: Device should be less than 4 years old and work with CNMSecure wifi network

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Accessories

Ideas

Bluetooth Keyboard
- ZAGG Foldable Pocket Keyboard ~$20 (pictured)
- Logitech K480 ~$20

Portable Battery Charger
- Poweradd Pilot Pro2 (laptop 1x)
- RavPower 16750 (iPad 1x)
- Tylt Turbo Smart (ph 3x)

Stylus
- Apple Pencil
- Adonit Jot
- Surface Pen

What are the minimums you want your device to have:

Can function solo on the CNM Secure wifi network, has battery life of 6+ hours, is no more than 5 years from release date, and is fully functional with CNMLearn and all standard software (e.g., MS Office)

What Apps Do You Need for School?

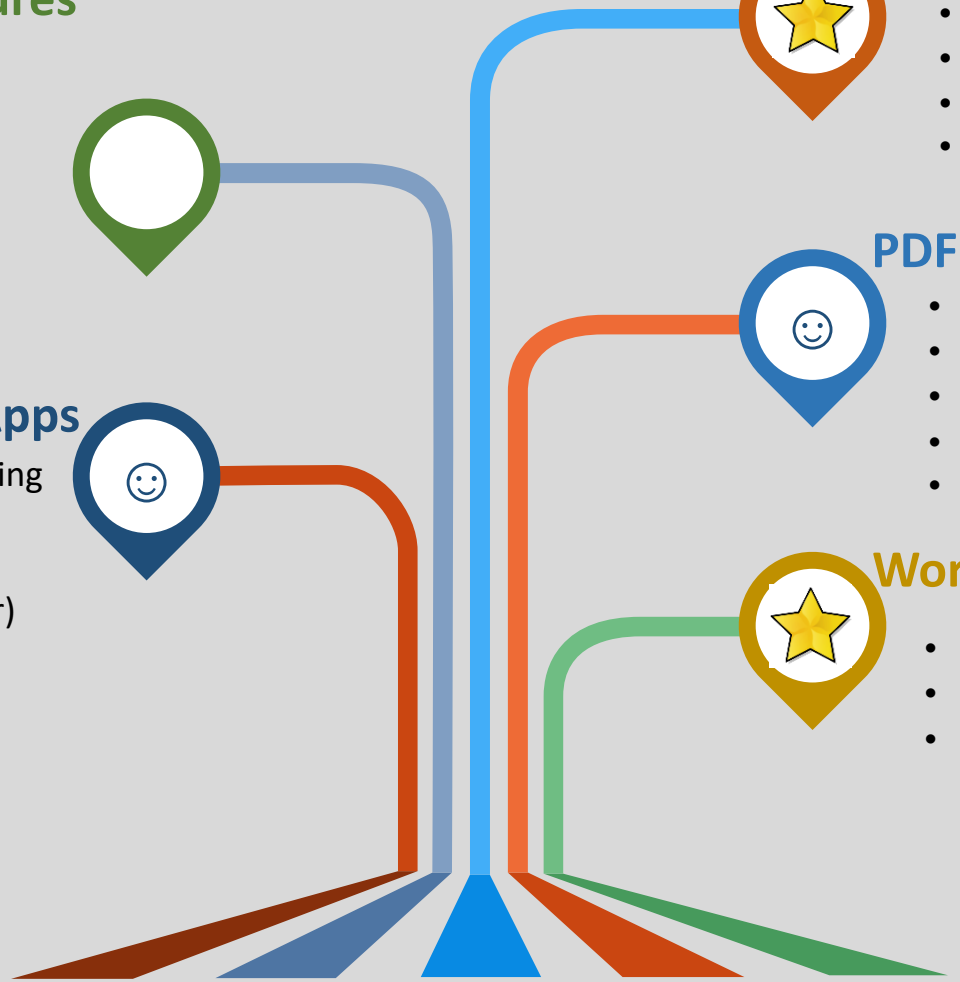
There are many choices out there. Here a few to start with. Try to pick one from each of the ★ branches.

Record Lectures

- Explain Everything ($$, any platform)
- AudioNote ($10, any platform)
- Recorder
- Smart Voice Recorder (Android)
- ScreenCastify (make short videos, free)
- Notability ($10, IOS/OS)
- If IOS …use the Video button in Control Center

Other Cool Apps

- Genius Scan (free lite, any platform, make pdfs using your smartphone camera)
- Wunderlist (free, any platform, to-do lists)
- iStudiez Pro ($3-10, any platform, study scheduler)
- Mobile Learn Student (free, CNMLearn app)
- Socrative Student (free, any platform)



Note-taking, PDF Reader, Annotation

- OneNote (free via CNM, any platform)
- iBook (free, IOS/OS)
- Notability ($10, IOS/OS)
- EverNote ($$$, any platform)
- AudioNote ($10, any platform)

PDF Reader, Annotation

- PDF Viewer PSPDFKit (basic free, any platform)
- PDF Expert (basic free, any platform)
- Adobe Acrobat (free, any platform)
- Foxit (free, any platform)
- Amazon Kindle (free, any platform)

Word Processing, Presentations

- MS Office 365 (free via CNM, any platform)
- Google Docs/Slides/Sheets (free, any platform)
- Pages/, Numbers, Keynote (free, IOS/OS)

Tech Issues!! Where Can I ….?

Charge my Device

Battery about to die on your phone or laptop?

Main Campus has many places where you can plug in…don't bet on plugging in during class as you may have competition.

- SRC Library
- ACE Center
- JS, 1st floor, west end
- L bldg., lantern area, north end
- SB lobby

Print

Need to print something for class?

Main Campus:

- Open Computer Labs
  - See CNM website for list of locations & open hours
- TM Building Printer Station – open during Campus hours
- TSTC Tech Center Printer Station in SRC109 – see website for campus open hours
- SRC Library – see website for open hours

Get Help!!

Having problems with your laptop, tablet, or smartphone?

Main Campus:

- Free help for students, faculty, staff at the TSTC Tech Center in SRC109

Find Wifi Connectivity

Need to do homework on-campus using wifi?

Main Campus

- SRC Library has glassed study rooms

Get a Device for Class

Forgot your laptop at home?

Main Campus:

- SRC Library has laptops and iPads you can check out for 3 hour sessions

One of the most common tech problems students have ……. Forgetting to log into **CNM Secure** wifi network!

ITS, TSTC – Tech Center

We are here to help students, faculty, and staff with their personal mobile devices.

Located in the SRC building in room SRC 109, Main Campus

Hours: M – F 8am – 5pm

Services include:

- **Hardware diagnosis**
- **Email sync/troubleshoot**
- **Wi-Fi troubleshooting**
- Ticket tutorial/submittal process
- Remote desktop help
- Account Access help
- Topic-Based Training & How Tos
- **Microsoft Office Help**
- **Software Installation**
- Documentation
- **Passwords**
- Escalation