

Choosing the right DEVICE



Curro is committed

to developing life-long learners who are equipped to succeed in their work and personal lives. As we continue to embrace new technologies and teaching methodologies, we would like to provide you with the **recommended device specifications** for learners attending Curro schools in 2019.

To enable high-quality learning, we need to put tools in the hands of the learners. Devices are important tools to aid a variety of activities – ranging from viewing and interacting with digital content, using games for learning, researching, collating and evaluating data, collaborating and communicating with other learners, creating and sharing artefacts or presentations, coding, robotics and a multitude of other activities.



Choosing the right device for LEARNING

A device will play a critical role in the learning process.

There are a wide variety of devices to choose from with many different specifications which inform **computing power**. At Curro we distinguish between minimum and recommended device specs. A minimum device is cheaper and will still operate in the Curro environment, where recommended devices enhance and bring a new dimension to the learning experience.

Along with the internal device specifications which impacts performance, it is important to understand that there are different device **factors** which are essentially the size and shape of a device.

All devices have pros and cons whether it be price, screen size, mobility or weight. Devices should also be rugged enough for the school environment. Parents and learners need to take all these factors into consideration when choosing the right device for learning and use at home.

PHONES and **TABLETS** have smaller screens and no external keyboard which means that they can be used for viewing content, but it is difficult to create and complete complex assignments on these devices.

WINDOWS 2-IN-1s and **LAPTOPS** have a physical keyboard that allows for efficient typing and production of artefacts, assignments and creative work. At an additional cost, these devices may have a touch-screen for navigation and interaction and stylus for digital inking, annotations and note-taking. Some 2-in-1 devices have detachable or swing keyboards, which means that the device becomes more mobile if the learners need to use them to shoot videos or capture data while on the move.



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Curro recommends a Windows 10, 2-in-1 device.

Windows 10 is the chosen and supported platform for Curro. Even though Android and Apple (iOS) devices will work in the Curro environment, all support structures have been standardised for a **Microsoft environment**.

MINIMUM AND RECOMMENDED SPECIFICATIONS

Windows 10 devices (supported by Curro)



Minimum	Recommended
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 GB RAM • 64 GB SSD • Wi-Fi 802.11n 5 Ghz • Windows 10 HOME • 10" LCD • 6-hour battery life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 GB RAM • 128 GB SSD • Wi-Fi 802.11 2x2 AC • Windows 10 HOME

NB: Windows 10 devices will be upgraded to Windows 10 Education in agreeance with Microsoft during the onboarding process. For all Curro learners (only while enrolled at Curro), Microsoft Office is available for downloading and for use free of charge from the Office 365 website.

OTHER DEVICES (compatible with the Curro environment, but not supported)

Android devices (NOT supported by Curro)

Tier one Android devices e.g. Samsung, Acer, Asus, Sony, LG

Minimum	Recommended
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quad Core CPU at 1.3 GHz processing speed • 16 GB internal storage space • 2 GB RAM • Android version 5.1.1 or higher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quad Core CPU at 1.7 GHz processing speed • 32 GB internal storage space • 4 GB RAM • Android version 6 (Marshmallow or higher)

NB: From December 2018, Android version 4.4 (KitKat) – 5.0.0 (Lollipop) will no longer be compatible with miEbooks.

Apple iOS devices (NOT supported by Curro)

Minimum	Recommended
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • iOS 10 or higher • iPad 4 and higher, iPad Mini 2 and higher, iPad Air or iPad Pro • iPhone 6 or higher 	Same as minimum specifications

NB: From December 2018, iOS 9 will no longer be compatible with miEbooks.

macOS devices (NOT supported by Curro)

Minimum	Recommended
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mac running macOS Sierra 10.12 (2013 models and newer) 	Same as minimum specifications

Request the assistance of the sales person at the store to run the following link on the device whilst connected to the Internet. The results will indicate the device performance.

www.passmark.com/download/pt_download.htm (Minimum score: 600 | Recommended score: 800+)

It is important that you arrange **insurance** for your child's device.