Atlanta Girls' School's "BYOA" (Bring Your Own Apple) Technology Program is designed to maximize our history and experience with Apple devices in the classroom and to allow families some choice in the actual device used by their student. Following are the highlights of the AGS BYOA Program:

- AGS does not charge families a technology fee; parents/guardians purchase and own their student's required device.
- Each student must bring their own device:
  - Students in the MS will be using Apple iPads. MS students may use the iPad of their choice as long as it meets the minimum required standards outlined below.
  - Students in the US will be using Apple laptops. US students may use the Apple laptop of their choice as long as it meets the minimum required standards outlined below.
- AGS will install a profile management application on each student's device to facilitate access to the AGS network. All parents/guardians give AGS permission to do so.
- With the exception of the profile management software, AGS does not manage student devices. Families are responsible for managing their student's device(s), including data backup and repairs.

Middle School

Parents/Guardians may choose an iPad offered by Apple that meets the following minimum requirements:

- 16 GB of memory (32 GB is recommended)
- Front and rear camera
- iOS 9
- Case & Keyboard

We recommend an iPad Air with 32 GB of memory as well as a protective cover with an integrated Bluetooth keyboard. Because of the small screen size, we do not recommend an iPad Mini. Since the original iPad (iPad1) has no camera and cannot run iOS 9, it does not meet the minimum required standards for use at AGS.

To facilitate access to the AGS network, a profile management app will be installed on your student's iPad. All parents/guardians give AGS permission to do so. Through this application and related management system, each student's iPad and their Apple ID will be associated with her AGS ID. In addition to providing school-supplied apps, the profile management application will facilitate access to the AGS network.

Upper School

Parents/Guardians may purchase/provide any Apple laptop as long as the device meets the following minimum standards:

- MacBook Pro (including "Retina" models) or MacBook Air, 2011 or newer, with at least 4GB RAM memory and running OSx 10.10.5 or newer.

The following software is required:

- Apple iWork Suite (free with purchase of new laptop) and/or Microsoft Office
- Apple iLife (free - iMovie, GarageBand, iPhoto)

To facilitate access to the AGS network, AGS will install a profile management application on each student's device. All parents/guardians give AGS permission to do so. Since AGS is an accredited educational institution, the AGS Technology Department is able to install Microsoft Office for free at a family's request; otherwise, families are responsible for providing software for their student's laptop.

Apple Care & Accidental Damage Insurance

AGS strongly recommends that you include AppleCare with the purchase of any new device. AGS also suggests purchasing accidental damage insurance (cost varies by device) to cover water spills, broken screens, and other maladies. Please note that AGS has no relationship with any of the companies listed below; we are providing this information as a convenience to families wishing to purchase AppleCare and/or accidental damage insurance. Researching each option before purchasing   is recommended.

Apple Care -

http://www.apple.com/support/products

Accidental Damage Insurance Options:

- Safeware - http://www.safeware.com/Products/IndividualCoverage.aspx
- Worth Ave. Group -

    http://www.worthavegroup.com/laptop-insurance

    Theft recovery options:

- LoJack for Laptops - http://lojack.absolute.com/en

Data Backup

We strongly recommend that each family invest in an external hard drive that students use to back up their work and   personal data on a regular basis. While AGS provides access to cloud-based storage through Google Drive, AGS has no control over this product, and AGS systems do not back up students' work. AGS is not responsible for the backup, storage, or security of a student's work or personal data.

Service and Troubleshooting

AGS will, as a courtesy, provide basic troubleshooting of laptop and iPad issues. If an issue cannot be remedied through the basic troubleshooting process, a referral to either AppleCare or a repair shop may be made. **AGS does not maintain a repair facility onsite and is not responsible for the repair of student devices.**

AGS maintains a relationship with Bell Techlogix, a repair facility which handles both AppleCare repairs and out-of-warranty repairs on laptops and iPads. Parents/Guardians should make arrangements for repairs directly with Bell Techlogix; information is available through the AGS Technology Department. AGS serves as a drop-off and pick-up location for Bell Techlogix.

Other service providers for Apple products include the Apple Store (Lenox, Perimeter Mall, North Point Mall, and Mall of Georgia) and PeachMac, http://www.peachmac.com/

Loaner Laptops and iPads

AGS maintains a limited number of loaner units should a student's laptop or iPad require repairs. Loaner devices are provided on a first-come basis and are loaded with AGS-required productivity software only. **Data backup is the responsibility of the student. AGS takes no responsibility for the backup, storage, or security of a student's work or personal data.** Loaner devices are available for a maximum of two weeks' use.

Technology at Home

AGS makes extensive use of cloud-based and web-based platforms, including Haiku (our learning management   system), Google Drive, Google email, and other associated online programs. So that your student can access these platforms at home, a wireless home network is an important component of her educational resources. Parent/Guardian information sessions will be held early in the school year to help families understand the technology used by AGS and address issues of technology safety and security at home.