Harker Laptop Specifications: Software for 2025-26

- Virus Scanner and Malware Scanner, Word Processor, and Web Browser are essential for all courses.
- Other categories may be required in some classes.
- Specific additional software may be required in some classes.
- All Google Drive tools and Microsoft Office tools are included with student accounts the school provides.

Category	Supported	Cost of supported	Alternate
Word Processor	MS Word and Google Docs	up to five copies of Office 365 available per student free via download from login.microsoftonline.com (one copy required per device)	LibreOffice, OpenOffice, Pages, many others
Spreadsheet	MS Excel and Google Sheets	Included in Office 365	LibreOfiice, OpenOffice, Numbers, many others
Presentation Package	PowerPoint and Google Slides	Included in Office 365	Canva, Keynote, others
Image Manager	GIMP	Free	Photoshop Elements, Photoshop, others
MultiMedia App	Microsoft Photos (Windows) iMovie (Mac)	Free	FinalCut Pro, Premiere, Camtasia, others
Web Browser	Chrome or Firefox strongly recommended Microsoft Edge (Windows) Safari (Mac OS X)	Free	***Please note: some applications will not work with Safari or Edge. Chrome or Firefox are your first two best options.***
Sound Recording & Playback	Audacity	Free	Many alternatives (GarageBand comes with Mac OS)
Virus Scanner	Microsoft Defender (Windows)	Free	Many alternatives

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	ClamXav (Mac OS)		
MalWare Scanner	Malwarebytes	Free	Windows Defender, Spybot Search & Destroy, many others

Specific Courseware

Course	Software	Cost	Source
Honors Pre-Calculus Calculus AP Calculus BC Honors Calc. C w/ MV Honors Linear Algebra Honors Multivariable Calc. Honors Diff. Equations Honors Adv. Topic in Math	Mathematica	No additional cost to families	Exclusively from Harker Student Software Center **DO NOT PURCHASE ELSEWHERE**
AP Physics C	Mathematica	No additional cost to families	Exclusively from Harker Student Software Center **DO NOT PURCHASE ELSEWHERE**
Physics (All), Chemistry (All), Biology (All)	Logger Pro	No additional cost to families	Will receive instructions to download from publisher in classes