

## 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> GEDS Laptop Minimum System Recommendations\*

1 laptop:

### OS

Windows 7 Home Premium or higher  
Windows XP Pro  
Mac [if you have Microsoft office]

### Memory

2 GB (DDR2) or better

### Processor

Dual core 2.00 GHz or better

### Drives

Hard Drive - 250 GB or better  
DVD (read) and CD (read/write) capable

### Networking

Wireless 802.11 b/g compliant  
10/100 Mbps LAN/Ethernet port

### Ports

2 USB ports  
1 VGA or DVI/HDMI/etc. with a VGA adapter [optional but recommended]

Battery 3 hour battery life or better

### Other

USB Flash [thumb] Drive 1G or higher  
Onboard camera/microphone – optional but helpful. The school has equipment that can be used when needed

### Software

Microsoft Office 2007 or higher Professional (Word/Excel/PowerPoint) **or**  
2010 Open Office Suite (Writer, Calc, Impress, Base) - <http://openoffice.org-suite.com/>  
Adobe Reader [most current version]  
An Antivirus software with a current license.  
We are incorporating projects that utilize Shareware programs.

\*\* Download before school begins:

- Paint.net - <http://www.dotpdn.com/downloads/pdn.html>
- Windows Live Movie Maker

\*\*GEDS technology teacher will need administrative access in August and throughout the year to the laptop to add printer drivers, wireless connections, software, and address problems if they arise.

- Email accounts will be assigned to all 7<sup>th</sup> graders & new 8<sup>th</sup> graders in August.

Insurance: GEDS suggests that you look into insurance for your laptop. The following sites are suggestions. GEDS makes no claims about these sites and we are not associated with them in anyway.

[www.safeware.com](http://www.safeware.com)

[www.worthavegroup.com](http://www.worthavegroup.com)