

Computer Donations

All donations of computer equipment should be approved in advance by the Director of Technology, who must determine if donated equipment is compatible with our network. Donations by well-intentioned people cost us much in time and money if the items are not compatible with our network or are too old to be useful to us.

Donations that require prior approval include, but are not limited to: computers, printers, scanners, ZIP drives, CD-burners, projection devices, digital cameras.

All hardware and software must work under WindowsXP Professional.

Minimum requirements for PCs accepted for donations:

350 mHz Pentium processor
4 GIG hard drive
CD-ROM drive
15 inch monitor, resolution: 600x800, 85 Hz refresh rate
Hewlett-Packard printers preferred

In most cases we would still need to add—

RAM to make a total of 256 MB (\$50 or more)
Network card (\$75-\$100)
WindowsXP Professional (\$53)
Office XP Professional (\$53)

Our current equipment consists of primarily Compaq Deskpro EP/EN. We would consider taking a DP with a 266 mHz processor or better to use for replacement parts.

We are in need of 24X or better internal IDE CD-ROM drives for replacement. Computers of other brands or slower models containing these drives would be useful to us.

Minimum requirements for Network Printers accepted for donations:

Hewlett-Packard Printers preferred—network compatible
Laser printers preferred
HP LaserJet 4000 series
HP DeskJet 2000 series
DeskJet 950/960/970/5150/6122/6127 preferred (for cartridge compatibility)

We may still need to add—

HP JetDirect (\$275) or, other MIO internal network card (\$400-500)
IEEE 1284 compliant parallel cable (\$25) or USB cable (\$15)
Replacement ink/toner cartridges for the life of the printer

Minimum requirements for Local Printers accepted for donations:

Any printer with drivers for WindowsXP
HP DeskJet 950/960/970/5150/6122 preferred (for cartridge compatibility)

We may still need to add—

IEEE 1284 compliant parallel cable (\$25) or USB cable (\$15)
Replacement ink cartridges for the life of the printer