



To: New St. Kate's Students  
From: Cyndy Krey, Assistant Director, Academic Computing  
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Re: Computer Recommendations

Welcome and congratulations! I'm sure you've already heard this many times from many people at St. Kate's. We truly mean it. We're glad you're here.

On the next pages, you'll find a list of computer system recommendations. Be sure to look at both pages! You will be accessing online materials from our streaming media server (<http://lithium.stkate.edu>). Montessori content is hidden from the catalog. However, you can TEST your computer before coming to campus by clicking on any of the titles in the catalog.

If you have questions about any of the technical requirements, please contact our Helpdesk at 651-690-6402 or [helpdesk@stkate.edu](mailto:helpdesk@stkate.edu)

**Hours:**

*Monday - Friday*

8:30 am - 5:00 pm (Please be considerate when calling at 4:45 p.m., leave enough time for us to resolve the problem.)

*WEC Saturdays*

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

## Student Computer Checklist 2008-2009

Below are the minimum recommended computer specifications for students.

	<b>PC (e.g., HP™, Dell™, IBM®)</b>	<b>Apple® (Macintosh®)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Operating System</b>	Windows XP Professional or Vista	Mac OS X (version 10.4 or later)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Processor</b>	Pentium 4 or Celeron 2 GHz or faster	G4, G5 or Intel, 800Mhz or faster
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hard Drive</b>	80 GB or more	80 GB or more
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>RAM</b>	1 GB or more	1 GB or more
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>DVD/CD Drive</b>	Combo drive (dvd-rom/cd-rw)	Combo Drive (dvd-rom/cd-rw)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Ethernet Card</b>	Built-in, or a 10/100 card	Built-in
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Ethernet Cable (on campus)</b>	Cat 5 or 6 RJ-45 cable, 10-25 ft	CAT 5 or 6 RJ-45 cable, 10-25 ft
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Wireless Network Adapter</b> <i>Laptops highly recommended.</i>	802.11b/g compatible <i>most new laptops have built-in wireless</i>	Apple AirPort® or AirPort Extreme®
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Microsoft Software</b> <i>Using the recommended version will make it easier for you to share files electronically with instructors and fellow students.</i>	Microsoft Office 2003 Professional or later	Microsoft Office Mac X or later <i>Important note: AppleWorks is not used at St. Kate's. MS Office 2008 may require file conversion.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Anti-Virus Software</b>	McAfee, updated annually at minimum. <i>McAfee is available free at the Helpdesk.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Anti-Spyware Software</b>	Many programs are available online (SpyBot, Super Anti-Spyware, Adaware, and CounterSpy to name a few). You can install more than one of these. Anti-spyware is just as important as anti-virus software; plan to scan and remove spyware frequently.	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Required Accessories</b>	USB flash drive. Speaker or headphones (if needed for your computer).	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Recommended Accessories</b>	Surge protector, printer, webcam & microphone.	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Optional Insurance Coverage</b>	Packages are often available to cover property theft and/or damage through personal homeowner's insurance policies. You may also visit <a href="http://www.nssinc.com">www.nssinc.com</a> or call 800-256-6774 for more information about National Student Insurance.	

## Mediasite Streaming Media Requirements

You must have access to the high speed Internet access (dialup will not work).

- The connection should be DSL, Cable modem, ISDN, T1, T3 or better.
- The PC (Windows) or Macintosh (OS 10.4 or higher) must have Windows Media Player 6.4 or higher installed, which is available for free download at:  
<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/windowsmedia/default.aspx>.
- You may also be prompted to install MS SilverLight plug-in. See the help guide at:  
<http://minerva.stkate.edu/ithelpguides.nsf/dir/MSSilverlightPlugIn>

### Compatible Operating Systems and Browsers

Operating System	Windows Internet Explorer 7	Internet Explorer 6	Firefox 1.5	Firefox 2	Safari
Windows Vista	Yes	-	Yes	Yes	-
Windows XP SP2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
Windows 2000	-	Yes**	No	No	-
Mac OS 10.4.8+ (PowerPC)	-	-	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*
Mac OS 10.4.8+ (Intel-based)	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes

\* Silverlight 1.0 Only  
\*\* Silverlight 2.0 Only

### Minimal Requirements for SilverLight plug-in

Components	Requirement
PC running Windows	x86 or x64 500-megahertz (MHz) or higher processor, 128-megabytes (MB) RAM
Mac OS 10.4.8+ (PowerPC)	PowerPC G4 800-MHz or higher processor with 128-MB of RAM
Mac OS 10.4.8+ (Intel-based)	Intel Core Duo 1.83-gigahertz (GHz) or higher processor with 128-MB of RAM

- Sometimes, your browser settings keep MediaSite presentations from playing properly even with the correct players & plug-ins. This can be fixed by following the “Configuring Mediasite” Help Guide which is written specifically for the PC but can be useful on a Macintosh. Go to: <http://minerva.stkate.edu/ithelpguides.nsf/dir/ConfiguringMediasiteonPCs>
- You will also need speakers or headphones to listen to the audio.