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Class of 2006 Current Technology Recommendations

Techno Item	Features	Cost	Where to buy
Lap Top* Consider the portability benefits of mobile technologies. You can use devices in the library, dorm, study area, home, etc.	Ideal: • Pentium 4 processor or “M” • 802.11 internal for wireless connectivity • Battery life > 4 hours • 512 MB of memory • Disk – 40 GB hard drive or more • CD-RW/DVD *Think wireless! Wireless “G” is a good standard to look for.	\$299 and up	Dell Acer Gateway Fujitsu Best Buy CompUSA HP Compaq IBM Think Pad Toshiba Check out: www.shopping.com and www.buydig.com for price comparisons
Printer	Buy a name brand that you can easily get replacement ink cartridges for. Most college bookstores sell HP and Epson ink.	\$50.00 and up	Dell Amazon.com Best Buy CompUSA Check out: www.shopping.com and www.buydig.com for best prices
Lock for Laptop	Kensington Locks: Secure your laptop in your dorm or library by simply engaging the lock	\$25.00 and up	Dell Amazon.com Best Buy CompUSA Check out: www.shopping.com and www.buydig.com for best prices on all techno devices
Power Strip or Surge	What does a surge suppressor do? It takes the incoming power surges	Prices start at about	Any hardware or computer store

Suppressor	and spikes and sends them, or shunts them away from your equipment, preventing damage or glitches in the performance. Select a high joule rating. A joule is a measurement that refers to how much energy the surge suppressor can channel away from your equipment. Generally a higher joule rating is better.	\$10.00	
Software: 1. MS Office XP Standard for Students and Educators	Microsoft Word 2002, Excel 2002, Microsoft Outlook 2002, and PowerPoint 2002	About \$130.00	Amazon.com Best Buy
2. Inspiration	Concept maps, outlines	\$27.00	Download free 30 day trial and/or purchase: www.inspiration.com
USB Flash Memory Check out Imation's new wristband flash	A USB memory stick or jump drive provides a way to move and store both audio and data files. You can move large files from one device to another and use this device over and over. Buy as many MBs as you can afford. This item will replace burning CDs. FYI - 128MB flash is equal to about 88 floppy disks.	\$10.00 and up	Dell Amazon.com Best Buy CompUSA www.imation.com
Remote Storage	Back up your files, music, videos, and photos.	25 GB FREE!	www.streamload.com
Virus Protection	Most computers come with some basic virus protection. Make sure that you keep updating your software. If you think you have a virus/worm go to: http://www.trendmicro.com You can download free information and patches for problems. We use Trend virus software at RDHS but Norton is also a good product.	\$30.00	Dell Amazon.com Best Buy CompUSA

Removal of Adware and Spyware	www.lavasoft.de/support/download	Free download	
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