



Information Systems

Donations

Occasionally, school personnel are approached regarding donations of computer and other related equipment. **Please do not commit to accepting any proposed donation without referring the potential donor to any member of the Computer Science Department, any full-time Information Systems staff member, or the Director of Information Technology.**

You will put the school in a difficult position by agreeing to accept equipment that cannot reasonably be supported. Our experience has been that donors, however well-meaning, are not likely to accurately assess the cost of supporting older, used equipment in a heavy-use, networked environment. Very few donations of used equipment are cost-effective to accept, often requiring expensive and hard-to-find cables, network cards, RAM upgrades, and intensive support time to get them up and running for limited functionality in return.

For the 2004-2005 school year, items for donation must meet the minimum requirements listed below:

- Working or new Apple CPUs with G4 or better processors, a minimum of 256MB of RAM, and working LCD flat panel displays (working or new iBooks with G3 chips will be accepted)
- Working or new USB inkjet or laser and/or Mac-compatible networkable printers with Ethernet cards (ongoing replacement ink cartridge and printing paper costs to be assumed by the classroom or department receiving the donation)
- Working or new USB scanners whose drivers are OS X native
- Working or new digital still cameras (3.1 megapixel or better) that save to compact flash memory cards and are recognized by iPhoto
- Working or new mini-DV video cameras with FireWire output jacks
- Palm devices capable of running the most recent version of the Palm OS
- Mac compatible MP3 play/record devices
- Working or new LCD projectors, min. 1200 ANSI lumens and native XGA resolution
- FireWire External hard drives, 60 GB or better

Software donation offers must also be referred to the Computer Science Department or the Information Systems Group to avoid duplication, ensure proper support, and follow proper licensing procedures. Software must be able to run in OS X, either natively or Classic Mode.