Platt College has established the following minimum standards for student laptops. We recognize that many students begin their academic programs with very serviceable laptops and/or desk computers. If students wish to purchase a laptop prior to coming to Platt College, or use their existing laptop computer, it should at least meet the following requirements.

Student Laptop General System Requirements	
PC	**Mac**
2.0 Ghz Core 2 Duo CPU	**1.8 Ghz Core 2 Duo CPU**
4 GB RAM	**4 GB RAM**
80 GB HDD	**80 GB HDD**
802.1 1n (laptop)	**802.1 1n (laptop)**
Windows Vista (or higher))Note: Microsoft will no longer support Window XP after 2/2014)	**OS X 10.6**
Microphone and Camera (internal or external)	**Microphone and Camera built-in**

Software	
PC	**Mac**
MS Office for PC 2007-2010: This includes Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint although you may not be required to use Excel.	**MS Office for Mac 2008-2011:** This includes Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint although you may not be required to use Excel.
Quick Time You will need this software to view videos (WVM) and listen to podcasts. The free software can be downloaded from: http:www.apple.com/quicktime/download/	Standard on Mac
Adobe Reader (PDF Reader): many of the documents shared with students are in .pdf format. You will need this software to download and read these documents. The program can be downloaded for free at: http://www.adobe.com	This is standard on a Mac so you do not need to download it.
Silverlight: Microsoft Silverlight is a free web-browser plug-in that enables interactive media experiences, rich business applications and immersive mobile apps. The system requirements for Microsoft Silverlight and associated technologies are listed below. **Windows** Operating System: Windows 7,Windows Vista;, Windows 8 Intel® Pentium® III 450MHz or faster processor (or	**Silverlight:** Microsoft Silverlight is a free web-browser plug-in that enables interactive media experiences, rich business applications and immersive mobile apps. http://www.microsoft.com/getsilverlight/Get-Started/Install/Default.aspx **Mac OS** Operating System: Apple Mac OS X 10.6+ (Intel-based) or above

equivalent) 4GB of RAM It is free. http://www.microsoft.com/getsilverlight/Get-Started/Install/Default.aspx	Intel™ Core™ Duo 1.83GHz or faster processor 4GB of RAM It is free. http://www.microsoft.com/getsilverlight/Get-Started/Install/Default.aspx
Adobe Flash Player: Adobe Flash Player is a free web-browser plug-in that enables interactive media experiences, rich business applications and immersive mobile apps. The system requirements for Adobe Flash Player and associated technologies are listed below. **Windows** Operating System: Windows 7,Windows Vista;, Windows 8 Intel® Pentium® III 450MHz or faster processor (or equivalent) 4GB of RAM It is free. http://www.adobe.com	**Adobe Flash Player:** Adobe Flash Player is a free web-browser plug-in that enables interactive media experiences, rich business applications and immersive mobile apps. http://www.adobe.com **Mac OS** Operating System: Apple Mac OS X 10.6+ (Intel-based) or above Intel Core™ Duo 1.83GHz or faster processor 4GB of RAM It is free. http://www.adobe.com
Oracle Java Runtime: Oracle Java Runtime is a free web-browser plug-in that enables interactive media experiences, rich business applications and immersive mobile apps. The system requirements for Oracle Java Runtime and associated technologies are listed below. **Windows** Operating System: Windows 7,Windows Vista;, Windows 8 Intel® Pentium® III 450MHz or faster processor (or equivalent) 4GB of RAM It is free. http://www.java.com Note: most browsers require that Java be enabled in the preferences.	**Oracle Java Runtime:** Oracle Java Runtime is a free web-browser plug-in that enables interactive media experiences, rich business applications and immersive mobile apps. http://www.java.com **Mac OS** Operating System: Apple Mac OS X 10.6+ (Intel-based) or above Intel Core™ Duo 1.83GHz or faster processor 4GB of RAM It is free. http://www.java.com Note: most browsers require that Java be enabled in the preferences.
Adobe Shockwave: Adobe Shockwave is a free web-browser plug-in that enables interactive media experiences, rich business applications and immersive mobile apps. The system requirements for Adobe	**Adobe Shockwave:** Adobe Shockwave is a free web-browser plug-in that enables interactive media experiences, rich business applications and immersive mobile apps.

Shockwave and associated technologies are listed below.	http://www.adobe.com
Windows	**Mac OS**
Operating System: Windows 7,Windows Vista;, Windows 8	Operating System: Apple Mac OS X 10.6+ (Intel-based) or above
Intel® Pentium® III 450MHz or faster processor (or equivalent)	Intel Core™ Duo 1.83GHz or faster processor
4GB of RAM	4GB of RAM
It is free. http://www.adobe.com	It is free. http://www.adobe.com

Operating System	
Windows (PC)	**Mac**
Microsoft Windows Vista (32-bit or 64-bit versions) or Microsoft Windows 7 or Windows 8	Apple Mac OSX 10.6 (Snow Leopard) or OSX 10.7(Lion) or OSX 10.8(Mountain Lion) or OSX 10.9 (Maverick) or OSX 10.10 (Yosemite)
Hardware	
Windows (PC)	**Mac**
Processor: Intel or AMD x86 dual core processor running at 2 GHz or higher	Processor: Intel Dual core processor running at 2 GHz or higher
Memory: 4 GB RAM	Memory: 4 GB RAM
Minimum free drive space: 100GB	Minimum free drive space: 100 GB
Where to find this information on your computer:	
Windows (PC)	**Mac**
- Go to the "Start" menu in the lower left corner & click on "My Computer" - At the top of the column to the left click on "view system information" - On the "general" tab, you will find system & processor. Close that window. - On the "My Computer" screen that is still open, right click on "Local Disk (C:)" & click on "Properties". Here you will find the total disk space available/used	- In the upper left hand corner, click on the apple icon. - Click on "About this Mac". Here you will see the OS version, processor, and memory. - For available disk space, open finder and right click on your Macintosh HD. Then click "Get Info". You should see Capacity, Available and Used.
Internet Browser Configuration Options	
PC	**Mac**
Internet Explorer 9 or higher Firefox 22.0 or higher NOTE: The OS can be 32- or 64-bit, **but the Internet Explorer browser must be 32-bit** (the default.)	Safari 6 or higher Firefox 22.0 or higher Note: Google Chrome is NOT supported for ATI Testing

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Chrome Books and Mobile Devices	
Chrome Books	**Mobile Devices**
Because Chrome books do not support specific software required at Platt (such as Microsoft Office and Microsoft Silverlight), they cannot be used as a substitute for a PC or Mac.	Mobile devices such as phones and tables cannot be used as a substitute for a PC or Mac because they do not support the required software at Platt such as Microsoft Office and Microsoft Silverlight. They can be used to access Platt College Email as well as test taking in My Platt College. Note: ATI testing is not possible on these devices.