

TIPS FOR PURCHASING THE **RIGHT COMPUTER**



ELECTRONICS STORE



DEVICE USAGE & WARRANTY

We can help you identify how you plan on primarily using the computer so we can match the right equipment for your needs. Plus, our computers come with a 30-day warranty so you can shop with confidence.

BUDGET & FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Features, upgrades, and the age of a computer will impact the price. We can provide multiple options that will fit your budget.

DEVICE TYPES & OPTIONS

We will go over advantages of various computer types, as well as identify potential draw backs so you can make the best decision on your purchase.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP.

Purchasing a computer is an investment for you and your family. Additionally, deciding on which computer to purchase can be overwhelming. The staff at the Goodwill Electronics Store will ask you the right questions to help determine which computer will meet your needs.



How are you planning to use the computer?

Factors to consider:

- Video/music streaming [Netflix, YouTube, Hulu, etc.]
- Online gaming
- Keep in touch with family and friends
- Search and apply for jobs
- Manage finances and pay bills
- Remote learning and/or working from home

How much are you willing to spend on a computer?

Features, upgrades, and the age of a computer have a lot to do with the price. Prices range from \$50 - \$500, and are typically lower priced than other online electronic retailers.

DO YOU THINK YOU WILL NEED A LAPTOP OR A DESKTOP?

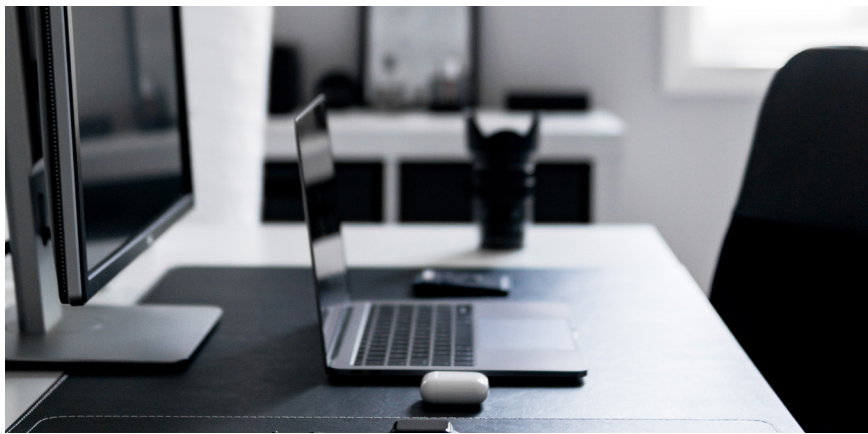
Advantages to each computer type:



Device Types:	All-In-one	Laptop	Desktop
Portable	No	Yes	No
Typical Screen Size	20" or bigger.	15" or smaller.	Can purchase size needed.
Speed	Medium	Slowest	Fastest
Upgradable Hardware	Limited Upgrades	Limited Upgrades	Very Upgradable
Direct Internet Port	Always	Sometimes	Always
Life Span	Medium	Shortest	Longest
Built in Wi-Fi	Sometimes	Yes	Rarely Purchase Separately
Built in Speakers for Sound	Yes	Yes	Purchase Separately
Built in Microphone for Sound	Yes	Yes	Purchase Separately
Web Camera for Video Calls	Yes	Yes	Purchase Separately

WHAT SHOULD YOU LOOK FOR WHEN PURCHASING A COMPUTER?

It is important to make sure you are purchasing a computer with an appropriately licensed **Operating System (OS)**. Apple/Mac products come with the latest available OS depending on year. All Goodwill non-Mac computers come with Microsoft Windows 10 OS. Ask a Goodwill Sales Associate if you have questions.



ENSURING A REFURBISHED COMPUTER IS RELIABLE.

Purchasing a refurbished computer can save you a lot of money. Be sure to get one with a warranty to ensure you have options if you find it doesn't fit your needs. The Goodwill Electronics Store has a 30-Day Return Policy. Visit Goodwillsa.org/Electronics for details.



HOW WILL YOU BE USING YOUR COMPUTER IN THE FUTURE?

Purchasing a computer is an investment. If you are thinking you may need a more powerful computer in the next 6 - 12 months, it may be better to purchase a computer with more features now or purchase one that can be upgraded easily later.



Allow us to guide you in the computer purchasing process.

The team at the Goodwill Electronics Store will help you find a computer that meets your needs.



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