

So, you are planning on buying a computer to help with your school work at NHCTC – Claremont.

Here are our recommendations. These will help reduce the number of frustrating experiences you have while attending school here and will help keep your stress levels at a reasonable level.

Please buy either a Macintosh that is capable of reading both Macintosh and PC files or buy a PC with Windows on it. If our equipment can not read a file or disk, you can not use it here on the campus.

Please have Microsoft Office put on your new PC as opposed to WordPerfect or Microsoft Works. While Works and WordPerfect are fine programs, Microsoft Office is what is on all the computers on campus. Having the same program as we do will eliminate problems in translation and will greatly improve your chances that things will look like you expect them to when you use our computers.

Please buy a thumb drive(flash memory drive). This is the easiest way to move files back and forth and serves as a backup as well. It is much more reliable than a floppy disk and holds a lot more files. A CD-RW drive will allow you to bring files to school, but we do not have the resources in place to allow you to write to a CD for transportation to your personal computer. Also, not all teachers will accept assignments by email, so having some way of getting your files to our system for printing may be important.

Please buy a virus protection program. Anti-virus programs may seem expensive, but if they are kept up to date with the most recent virus definitions they can save you serious problems at critical times. If your personal PC develops a problem due to viruses, it is out of the scope of our ability to help you. It will most likely cost you more to get your computer put back to normal than the yearly cost of the virus protection software.