

Required Software

To maintain maximum compatibility of file formats between computers at home and at school, the following software is required on any computer a student may use at home for schoolwork.

LibreOffice Productivity Suite

An office productivity suite is a critical component of student learning. Students regularly write papers, create presentations, and use spreadsheets to perform calculations on data. LibreOffice is a cross-platform office suite that provides all the word processing, spreadsheet, database, and presentation functionality necessary for students at GAA. Best of all, LibreOffice is available at no cost.



<http://www.libreoffice.org>

Recommended Software

The following software is in use at GAA and is highly recommended for personal and business use. Contact the IT Department for installation assistance.

Ubuntu

Ubuntu is a fast, secure, and easy-to-use operating system. It is a derivation of Linux that provides all the productivity and educational software used at GAA. Ubuntu can be installed as the default operating system on a computer, or it can be used as a virtual machine within the student's existing computer. Ubuntu is available at no cost.

<http://www.ubuntu.com>



VMware Player

VMware player is a virtualization product that allows a user to run multiple guest operating systems from within a host operating system. VMware Player is available for Linux and Windows platforms and is available at no cost.

<http://www.vmware.com>

