

Arizona Department of Education

Career and Technical Education

Recommended Equipment List

Program: Animation
CIP#: 10.0200.60

*NOTE: The following items and descriptions are the recommended equipment guidelines for each **CTE Animation** program. Please note that this list of recommended items does not necessarily need to be supported financially by Federal Perkins or State Priority funding sources. In many cases, local school district funds are used to purchase items on a regular basis (i.e. furniture, consumables, etc.) Further, please understand that this is not an exhaustive list. Local program and business needs may necessitate the purchase of additional equipment and software resources, as may the rapidly-changing nature of the industry-specific technologies used in the program.*

Please contact ADE-CTE Program Specialist for Business and Marketing Education & Communication Media Technologies,

*Elena Sobampo (Elena.Sobampo@azed.gov), if you have questions regarding the appropriateness of any item you are considering for addition to your **CTE Animation** program.*

Recommended Equipment and Software

Item	Notes
*Computer workstation with standard and program-required input devices and ports (mouse, keyboard, USB etc.)	Both macOS and Windows computer workstations are acceptable, provided the computer hardware, graphics hardware, sound/audio hardware, RAM, hard-disk space, and operating system software are capable of efficiently running all installed software applications and supporting any and all attached peripherals. Consult the product specifications for all program-specific software applications to ensure that computer workstations meet minimum recommended hardware requirements.
Computer display	Minimum 21-inch monitor capable of displaying full HD resolution or higher.
Secure network storage space for digital files	For projects and student portfolios; server- or cloud-based.
Laser printer	Color laser printer preferred. A multi-function laser printer (printer, photocopier, and scanner) would also be appropriate.
Digital drawing tablet	Wacom Intuos or similar.
Flatbed scanner	Large format scan area (11 in. x 17 in. or larger) recommended.
Digital camera (including all required components and accessories: memory cards, cables, rechargeable batteries, carrying case, lenses, etc.)	Point-and-shoot or DSLR; resolution of 12 megapixels or higher; able to capture HD video.
Camera tripods	
Locking storage cabinets	Should have enough capacity to safely store all program equipment and to allow for convenient access and equipment check-in/out.

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Adobe Creative Cloud, which includes Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Premiere, Adobe After Effects, Adobe Animate, and other essential, industry-standard creative desktop applications	<i>Software applications should be no more than one version behind the current release..</i>
3D Creation Software such as Autodesk Maya, Autodesk 3ds Max, or Blender	<i>Software applications should be no more than one version behind the current release.</i>
Microsoft Office Suite, which includes Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Excel, and other essential, industry-standard productivity software applications	<i>Software applications should be no more than one version behind the current release.</i>
Portable/laptop computer workstations	<i>To be used for CTSO competitions. Specifications equal to the desktop workstations listed above.</i>
Additional Equipment and Software Options	
Dual computer display	<i>Extended desktop utilizing two monitors (minimum 21-inch monitor capable of displaying full HD resolution or higher.)</i>
Portable external hard drives and flash drives for file storage/backup and transfer	
Camera, display, projector, and printer calibration tool	<i>X-Rite ColorMunki or similar.</i>
Computer headphones	
Computer microphone	
3D printer	
3D scanner	
High-end, professional-grade DSLR camera (including all required components and accessories: memory cards, cables, rechargeable batteries, carrying case, lenses, etc.)	
Green/blue screen	
Photographic lighting equipment	
Toon Boom software Harmony Storyboard Pro Producer	<i>Software applications should be no more than one version behind the current release.</i>

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Zbrush digital sculpting software	<i>Software applications should be no more than one version behind the current release.</i>
Unity game development software	<i>Software applications should be no more than one version behind the current release.</i>
Apple Final Cut Pro (Apple Macintosh compatible only)	<i>Software applications should be no more than one version behind the current release.</i>
Apple Motion (Apple Macintosh compatible only)	<i>Software applications should be no more than one version behind the current release.</i>
Render farm	<i>NOTE: A render farm is a high-performance computer system built to render computer-generated imagery.</i>

*Must meet the guidelines for specialized computing equipment as outlined on the "CTE Equipment Guidelines" at www.azed.gov/cte/gi