

Why business Class Computer:

- **SECURITY:**

Business-class devices are much more secure. They come with a chip on the system board (TPM) that allows WSU computers to comply with state IT security requirements. Consumer-class devices do not come with that chip without incurring extra cost.

- **MORE POWERFUL:**

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- **SUPPORT:**

Business-class devices have standardized hardware and drivers, which makes it much easier to replacement parts and update software components should the need arise. Consumer-grade machines do not have these standardized components and can require more time, effort, and money to resolve any issues.

- **WARRANTY:**

Three-year onsite warranty is the norm with business-class PCs vs. Consumer-class PCs that come with 1-year warranty only. Business-class PCs usually have a dedicated team through the state contractor vendor to take care of their issues.

- **LESS BLOATWARE:**

Bloatware is the name given to extra, non-essential software applications loaded on your PCs. Bloatware can carry significant privacy and security risks. Business-class simply don't have as many as consumer-class PCs.

- **LICENSING:**

Business-class devices normally ship with Windows 10 Pro or Enterprise, which complies with our license agreement with Microsoft. Consumer-class machines most often come with Windows 10 Home, which would cost WSU money to upgrade to comply with our licensing agreement.