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Outside of **specifications**, there are several other important points regarding student computing at Rhodes:

1. Be sure to not install any peer-to-peer (P2P) applications, such as Limewire, Kazaa, Zultrax and others, on the PC you bring to school. They are not allowed to be used on the Rhodes network.
2. Configure your new computer to run Windows Update often, at least once a week. Be familiar with how to upgrade the operating system and virus/spyware protection software on your computer.
3. Bring your operating system CDs with you to Rhodes so that you can re-install the operating system (and any other software you need) if this is required due to a technical problem with your computer. A lot of new students do not do this and are forced to purchase another operating system disc when they have a problem that requires a re-install.
4. Consider how you would get the computer fixed if it experienced a hardware failure. This is particularly important with very integrated computer components, like laptops. One of the reasons Rhodes recommends Dell PCs to incoming students is that they are very reliable and they are covered under a very thorough warranty, allowing a quick turnaround if there is a hardware problem. The last thing you want to do is to try to figure out how to get an integrated system like a laptop fixed when finals are bearing down on you and papers are due.

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