Reno Cigar Lions Club Computer Requirements
(From their Facebook page)

Once we receive a computer, we wipe the data from the drives. We install a customized, educational version of the Linux operating system. We also install software packages that help students create and develop content. We provide tools to protect the privacy and security of the students. We give the students access to hundreds of thousand software applications, at no cost.

We think that tablets, smartphones, and similar systems are primarily for consuming content. Our computers are configured for learning, creating, and developing content and applications.

We accept the following types of working computers for donation, with the following specifications:

1. Non-Mac tower and desktop computers in working condition. The computers need to be running 64-Bit Processors by Intel or AMD. That would include Intel Core2, i3, i5, and i7. We can also use the AMD Athlon series of processors. How do you know what kind of processor you have? Go to duckduckgo.com and enter the make and model number of your computer(s), and then type: 64-bit or 32-bit . You will get postings that will describe the processor type and if its 64 or 32-bit. We only accept 64-bit processors.

2. USB computer keyboards (non-Mac), USB computer mice, computer power cables and VGA monitor cables. If you are unsure what those look like, do a search on duckduckgo.com for each of those terms, and chose the images option.

We do not need/accept:
- No computers won't power up
- No printers or scanners
- No CRT (tube) monitors
- No external hard drives
- No computer speakers

For any questions, call our support number, 775-453-0307 and leave a message. We get back within a day.

Erasure of Data Assurance

Date: 5-4-2020

From: Reno Cigar Lions Club, Computers for Kids Program

Re: Data erasure from donated computers

From: Ira Victor, Board Member Reno Cigar Lions Club

We use Linux-based software tools to erase the data from the donated computers. The Microsoft file system, Microsoft operating system, Window-compatible software, and files, are erased from the hard drive.

We then change the entire digital composition of the hard drive, using the Linux EXT4 file system. We install the Linux operating system, and our own custom educational Linux software bundle. None of these listed technologies are compatible with Microsoft Windows, or the Windows-based applications running on the computers when we receive them.

Sincerely,
Ira Victor
775-453-0307