

Oakland Hall Cable Requirements

Cable service is provided for all rooms at Oakland Hall. Students will need to bring a coaxial cable to connect the TV to the cable jack on the wall. All cable and Oakland Hall is provided in a 'QAM' digital format.

All televisions in Oakland Hall must contain a QAM digital tuner to receive the channels. Older analog televisions are not compatible with Oakland Hall's cable system. Most televisions today are digital/QAM compliant, however less expensive or budget televisions may not be. To find out if your television has a QAM tuner, check the specifications in your owner's manual, or visit the manufacturer's website.

What is a QAM tuner and how do I know if my TV has one?

-A QAM tuner allows your TV to tune to digital or HD channels. Most, but not all, TV's that were made after 2006 have a QAM tuner built in.

-You can search online by make/model of your TV or reference your TV's owner's manual for specific model information related to what type of tuner is present in your TV.

-An example of what the manual may say if the TV has a QAM tuner: "Built in digital tuner (ATSC/Clear QAM)", or "NTSC/QAM"

-Additionally, if your TV remote has the (.) or (-) symbol button for easy tuning or is able to display channels such as 5.2 or 5-2, your TV likely has a QAM tuner.

-An example of what the manual may say if the TV does NOT have a QAM tuner: "ATSC / NTSC Tuner" (there will be no mention of QAM)

Here is an informal compatibility reference for newer devices. We cannot guarantee the accuracy of this information. You should verify the specifications when you purchase your TV:

-Coby - Model TFTV3229 32" has a compatible QAM tuner

-Dynex - Only limited models have a QAM tuner

- DX-32L151A11 is NOT compatible

-Element - NOT compatible

-Insignia - Only limited models have a QAM tuner

- LG - Most models since 2007 have a QAM tuner

-Olevia - Model 226-T11 has a compatible QAM tuner

-Samsung - All models since 2009 have a QAM tuner

-Sansui - Model HDLCD3212C has a compatible QAM tuner

-Sony - Most models since 2007 have a QAM tuner

-Sylvania - Do not appear to have QAM tuners

-Toshiba - Most models since 2007 have a QAM tuner

-Vizio - Model VOJ320F1A has a compatible QAM tuner

-Westinghouse - Some models do have a QAM tuner. Try activation code 14159

-DWM32H1G1 is NOT compatible

-DWM42F2G1 is NOT compatible

If you are choosing one of these brands, please verify that the model has a QAM tuner. Please be advised that less expensive TVs sometimes come with a lower quality QAM tuner that may be unable to tune all of the channels. We have found this to be true on certain models of bargain brands such as Apex, Dynex, and Sylvania.

Digital Conversion Boxes

If your television does not support a QAM tuner, you can update your television or purchase a digital conversion box. Just like the TV, you should ensure that the conversion boxes includes a QAM tuner, and not just an ATSC tuner. Most tuner boxes available at electronic stores from over-the-air digital TV transition do not include QAM so make sure it lists (ATSC/Clear QAM)", or "NTSC/QAM".