



DUCHEESNE HIGH SCHOOL

mind, body and spirit

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Dear Parents,

For the past several years Duchesne has been preparing to introduce a one-to-one iPad program. AppleTVs have been installed in classrooms to mirror content, the school wide Wi-Fi system has been upgraded, teachers have been using iPads in their classes, and the internet data "pipeline" has been increased. Technology has become such an all-encompassing part of our lives. We envision this program will better prepare our students for college and the ever changing jobs and skills of the 21st century.

Starting in the 2014-2015 school year, all students at Duchesne will be required to have either an Apple iPad or iPad Mini. This tool will help daily classroom instruction in content delivery, creative expression, research, and analysis. The iPad will replace some print textbooks and reduce the need for students to transport notebooks and folders, with the added benefit of improving schools effort to be "green." The uniformity of the iPad will provide multiple educational advantages, including superior availability of eTextbooks and other educational apps.

Apple offers a variety of models of the iPad. Any model of iPad 2 or better or either iPad Mini will meet the configuration requirements. The purchasing of AppleCare is up to each family. We suggest purchasing an iPad for your student without cellular network capabilities. That feature would allow the computer to bypass network safeguards and filters set up here at school and home.

The iPad is not a panacea. It is a tool (like pens, calculators, and compasses) used to facilitate student learning. As excited as we are about the technology, our strength lies in our faculty and curriculum. Teachers know when to ask students to listen, take notes, do a lab, discuss in groups, or do research. They will continue to do so.

Duchesne is not able to offer discounted purchasing of iPads at this time due to the availability and limits imposed on the school.

During the summer, there will be a variety of mandatory meetings for each student and at least one parent. At that time, a list of required apps will be distributed and explained.

Please contact me or Mrs. Kim Choinka if you have any questions.

Fritz Long
Principal

iPad Questions and Answers

What are the standards expected of students regarding the iPads?

Students must adhere to the school's *Acceptable Use Policy* that can be found in the Handbook.

Which iPad should we buy?

The Apple iPad 2, iPad Air, iPad Mini, and iPad Mini with Retina display are all compatible with our network. We suggest families do not purchase any of the Cellular models, because students would be able to access the internet without our network's safeguards and filters.

Are there any accessories we should purchase with the iPad?

We would suggest that the students minimally have a protective cover for the iPad. It would be up to individual families if they thought they would want a keyboard case. An extended warranty may be an option for some families (we are talking about high school kids here).

Can a student opt-out of buying an iPad?

No. While we recognized that there are different options available, in order to have uniformity in the classroom the school has decided on iPads.

Will Duchesne be selling iPads?

No. The purchase of the iPad and any warranty contract is up to individual families.

Will there be training on the use of the iPads?

Starting in the summer, each student and at least one parent will be required to attend an iPad training class at Duchesne.

Who will buy the apps for the iPad?

At the training class, families will be given a list of apps the student will need. Some of these apps will be free, and some will be purchased for the students by the school. There may be additional apps that the family would purchase, just like they would buy supplies for their class.

What happens if a student forgets to bring the iPad or forgets to charge it at night?

In the same way a student is responsible for other educational tools, they will be responsible for bringing a fully charged iPad to school with them every day. If they forget, there will not be "loaner" iPads for students to borrow from the school.

What happens if a student breaks the iPad or goes missing?

It is up to the student to properly care for and secure their iPad at all times. Families might want to consider purchasing extended care or replacement coverage (note that the replacement programs cover damage or malfunction, not lost or stolen). It is also encouraged that families activate the "Find My iPhone" app on the device to help aid locating it if necessary.