

Junior High iPad Purchase Program

Years ago, pencils, paper and basic textbooks were the supplies every child needed to learn at school. Today, computers, iPads and various technologies are the essential tools required for success. It is absolutely critical that students have a computer device to engage in a tech-rich learning environment enabling them to research, learn, collaborate, create, and publish.

FCS has adopted a 1:1 iPad program for all middle school students.

Please read through this Q&A to learn more about our program.

1 What is a 1:1 iPad program and why has it been implemented in middle school?

The 1:1 iPad program simply means that every student in grades 6th - 8th will have their own iPad for use at school on a daily basis. FCS recognizes the need for students to have access to technology every day...in every class! It is no longer a nice supplement to instruction, it is an integral part of teaching and learning in today's world!

2 Why were iPads selected when there are other options?

Foothill is a Mac/Apple environment. Our technology team considered other devices including Chromebooks, but the school has made a major investment in creating a tech-rich, Apple environment and has accumulated substantial educational resources.

3 How is the program being funded?

Every sixth grade student, and each new 7th/8th grade student, will be required to make a **one-time** purchase of an iPad package through the school. The cost will be added to your child's tuition plan and payable over the course of the entire school year. Remember, this is a one time purchase and not an annual charge.

4 What is the cost of the iPad purchase?

The cost of the 1:1 iPad Program is \$880. It includes one 11-Inch iPad Air (128GB of storage), a Logitech rugged keyboard and case, and the extended warranty. It also includes the mobile device management software and other infrastructure enhancements required to make this program a success. Parents must sign the iPad Purchase and User Agreement upon enrollment.

5 Will the students get to keep their iPads?

Yes, think of it as a "lease to own" program. The students will use the same iPad for their middle school years, and take it with them upon graduation. Any student who moves away after the first year or withdraws from FCS may take their iPad with them (as long as all purchase payments have been made).



6 Will families need to provide any accessories?

The only required accessory is a pair of wired earbuds.

Some students prefer to use an Apple pencil. This is not required, but if desired must be purchased on your own.

7 My child already has an iPad. Will they be able to use that one?

Unfortunately, students are not allowed to bring their own iPads or mobile devices to campus. This is due to the specific configurations of devices as well as online access to our protected wireless network.

8 May students opt out of using the iPad altogether?

The short answer is, no. Requiring students to use the school-issued iPads guarantees the proper specifications and assures learning continuity in the classroom. FCS will utilize a mobile device management system (Meraki) which allows us to control and update the configuration of the device and remotely add software updates.

9 When will students receive their iPads? Will there be any training for students on how to use the iPads?

Students will receive their iPad at the beginning of the school year. They will be trained in the use of the iPad, Google Classroom, use of apps, and digital citizenship.

10 Do students get to take the iPads home and during vacations?

The current program is designed for students to use the iPads in the classroom. This will guarantee that the iPads are fully charged and accessible to students each day. It will also allow the school to make all software updates that Apple may require.

11 Who is responsible if the iPad is broken, lost or stolen?

Students are financially responsible for all damages to their assigned iPad that are not covered by the warranty. Students may not have the iPad repaired outside of FCS because any non-Apple repairs will void the Apple contract. If a lost iPad cannot be recovered, parents will be responsible for the replacement cost.

Technology is the preferred learning tool of this generation and a top priority at FCS.