

Student iPads 2016-17 school year

Parents, we have some iPad changes moving forward in the school year of 2016-17.

We are not having any iPad Roll-out, iPad mandatory show up, etc. for you! Yay!

iPads will be distributed by teachers to students in their Prime Time (homebase class). Grade level teams have determined the following:

- 8th & 7th grade students will be receiving their iPads and materials Friday, August 12th.
- 6th grade students will receive theirs Friday, August 19th.

Teachers will not distribute iPads until pg 127 of the agenda is signed and returned by Parent & Student

No more 4G internet. The iPads will no longer work like a cellular device and connect w/ the district's WiFi from home. THIS IS A MAJOR CHANGE.

Student iPads CAN connect to your home WiFi. This is allowed.

Safety

Please note that the devices should be used appropriately. At home, parents need to be aware that the iPads do still have filters, but no filter is fool-proof. Please parent and monitor your student's use for their own safety and education.

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Students will be expected to use their school device appropriately at all times. They should not visit inappropriate sites, or download material that has not been authorized. This is explained in Board Policy and the students' agenda under the Responsible Technology Use policy.

We will work with you and your student to train them about technology and internet safety. We have many lessons and an integrated curriculum that will be utilized throughout the year to promote proper use and safety.

Working off-line or other alternatives to 4G internet

Our teachers can easily adjust for families who have no internet service at home.

- We can frontload students with content on their devices before they leave
- Screenshots, Downloads, etc.
- Teachers can make copies, loan books, and provide work time throughout the day
- Many things will immediately sync when students arrive in the building
- Communication: It is vital that students/parents make teachers aware of lack of internet at home. Not having WiFi for students may be new for you, but it is not new for teachers. They have been dealing with this hurdle since iPads were introduced.

More information about the iPads, their usage or alternatives will be shared by teachers at the Open House on Monday, Aug 15th at 6:00 pm. Please join us.