

North Montgomery Schools

1:1 iPad FAQs

Topic- iPad Costs and Protection Plan

Where is the funding coming from for the iPads?

iPads will be paid for over the course of four years. The payment will come directly from the Technology Department budget with no additional increases.

Are there any other costs associated with the iPad?

If a student is using an iPad issued by North Montgomery Schools (NMCSC), an annual rental fee will be assessed.

What happens if an iPad is lost, stolen or damaged?

Should an iPad be damaged, lost, or stolen the student or parent/guardian should immediately notify the school administration. If an iPad is stolen the student/guardian should file a police report as soon as possible. If the iPad is lost, stolen, or totally damaged as a result of irresponsible behavior, the student and parent will be responsible for the full replacement cost.

Deductible Schedule:

Damaged Screen –cost varies

Power adapter + cord -\$30

District assigned iPad case -\$48

Full replacement cost -\$399

In the event of Loss/Theft, a police report must be filed

Other charges may be determined at the discretion of the school administration.

Topic- Cases

I'd like to use a different case or one with a keyboard, can I do that?

No – students must use the case they are assigned.

Can I use a keyboard with my iPad?

Yes - feel free to set up and use a keyboard with your district provided iPad and case.

Topic- Textbooks

Is NMCSC going to replace textbooks with digital content?

We are currently in a period of transition from sole dependency on textbooks to a blended digital environment that allows access to a much greater range of educational materials and experiences. Certain printed textbooks will still be available during this transition period. Over time, we will be adopting digital textbooks and resources to use on the iPad across all content areas. Certain courses, such as Advance Placement and dual-credit courses, are overseen by entities other than NMCSC and may continue to require printed texts.

Will all books be available on the iPad?

All major textbook publishers are transitioning to digital textbooks.

What different types of textbooks exist for the iPad?

There are e-textbooks (textbooks converted to be read digitally) and iTextbooks (textbooks that have interactive videos, content and widgets).

Topic- iPad Roll-Out

When will students be issued an iPad?

North Montgomery High School (NMHS) students MUST bring the Student iPad Use Agreement signed to the following distribution day and time. Students who show up without a signed form will not be issued a device.

Wednesday, August 6, 2014

Freshman 8:00-11:30 am

Fall Athletes and Juniors 12:30-4:00 pm

Thursday, August 7, 2014

Sophomores 8:00-11:30 am

Seniors 12:30-4:00 pm

***Enter through the main east entrance, Door #1 and proceed straight to the commons.**

***No one will be allowed in between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm to allow the volunteers time for lunch.**

***Parents with students in multiple grades can bring all their children to one distribution time.**

As a parent, do I need to attend the distribution event?

Parents do not need to attend, however, students must have a parent's signature for the Student iPad Use Agreement when they attend the distribution event.

May students use their own personal iPad?

No – Students must use the device assigned to them from NMCSC.

May students take the iPad home?

Yes, students should take their iPads home, not only for schoolwork but also to charge their iPad.

Have we studied other school systems that have implemented a 1:1 environment for several years? Have we asked the hard questions such as, " What would you do differently? "

Yes, we have visited several school districts that are currently participating in a 1:1 initiative. The devices of these initiatives ranged from iPads, iPods, MacBook Airs, MacBooks, Lenovo Tablets, and Windows laptops.

What if a student cannot attend the iPad distribution event?

We prefer that all students attend the iPad distribution, but we understand that students have certain obligations and may not be able to attend. A makeup distribution date is currently scheduled for Monday, August 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Will students keep the iPads during school breaks?

Students will be able to keep the iPad throughout the entire school year. Devices will be collected at the end of the school year. If a student transfers to another school district, the iPad must be turned in at the time of withdrawal.

Where can I learn more about the iPad?

You can learn about the iPad directly from Apple: visit <http://www.apple.com/ipad>. You can also periodically check the NMHS or district website for updated tutorials.

My student is a senior. Can s/he purchase the device at the end of the school year?

No. The devices will be reissued to the freshman class.

What happens when new iPad models come onto the market?

The current cycle for the iPads is four years. Before the end of our four-year cycle, we will look at all new options available at that time.

Topic- iPad in the Classroom (Management/Accountability)

Does my student have to use an iPad?

Educational resources and content will be delivered via the iPad. This makes the iPad a necessity for every student's education. The 1:1 program also brings individual learning to students and provides the ability to "connect" with their peers, their teachers, and the world.

Should my student bring the iPad home each day?

Yes. The iPad is a personal device and allows students to store notes, handouts, books, instructional videos, and a large variety of other applications that are designed to help students with mastery of course content and skills. The use of the device outside of school gives students access to all of their materials all the time. Additionally, the iPad will need to be charged at home each evening to insure it is ready for use at school the next day.

Do we have to have internet access at home?

No. Students will be able complete homework assignments at home and turn in their work when they return to school the next day. However, while not required, internet access at home will assist students in conducting research and collaborating with teachers and classmates outside of the classroom.

Is NMCSC providing an internet carrier for home use?

No, but in certain attendance areas Comcast Essentials is available to free or reduced lunch students for \$9.95 a month. You can get more information at www.internetessentials.com.

If I already have an internet provider at home, will my student be able to use our service with the school's device?

Yes. We will assist students in setting up their devices to switch from the school's internet access to the internet provider at home.

How do we access our personal internet via the iPad at home?

Verify that Wi-Fi is enabled and that you are connected to a Wi-Fi network. Tap settings > Wi-Fi. If Wi-Fi is off, turn it on by tapping the on/off icon. Available Wi-Fi networks appear under "Choose a network." Your network should appear. You will need to enter the network password or WEP key for your router.

Will my child use the iPad in every course?

The iPad will be the student's tool to use at school. We expect that how it is used will vary based on subject area. Each of our teachers is setting up an online classroom on Edmodo, a course management system, which will allow them to post class notes, assignments, etc. The expectation is that the iPad will be utilized in all subjects and courses.

What if a student forgets to bring the iPad to school?

If students fail to bring their device to school, they are responsible for completing course work as though they had their device with them. We have a very limited number of devices that can be "loaned" during the day for use.

What if I run out of space on my iPad?

Since we are allowing students to install apps and other content, school-related apps and content take priority over student content. A student iPad may be erased and restored with only school-related content if necessary.

I am concerned that my iPad battery will not last for the entire school day.

What should I do?

One of the main reasons we chose the iPad is that unlike laptop batteries, when fully charged, the iPad can run for up to 10 hours. As stated in the Student iPad Use Agreement, it is the student's responsibility to make sure the device is fully charged before school each day.

Normally it takes two to three hours for the device to go from 0% to 100% charged. The approximate cost of electrical bills to charge an iPad over the course of a school year is \$1.45.

What about the use of Flash on the iPad?

Students will be provided alternative methods to access sites that utilize Flash.

Topic- Device Management

How will you manage the devices?

We will utilize a mobile device management suite called Filewave. It allows us to register each student's device to our server, where we can control the settings of the device, apply rules, remotely lock/wipe and send out over the air software updates. We are setting age restrictions on the types of apps and music that can be placed on the device.

Will my child's internet traffic be filtered?

While the iPad is on school property, all student internet traffic is logged and filtered through our local Internet filter. When the iPad is off of school property Internet traffic will be filtered as long as our Internet filter system supports doing so.

My child participates in an after-school club, activity, or sport. Who is responsible for the safekeeping of the iPad?

We highly recommend that students leave their iPads in their locked school-assigned lockers when participating in home or away after-school events.

Will NMHS have its own tech support facility on site?

NMHS will have a student support team to assist with iPad integration. In addition, NMCSC technology staff will support issues related to iPads.

Topic- iTunes Store

Is a personal iTunes account required?

In order to download certain apps and all iBooks, it is mandatory to have a personal iTunes account that is for school use only.

The iTunes account also allows students to take ownership in the use of the iPad by downloading apps, music, etc., that are of interest to them (within NMCSC AUP guidelines).

How do I sign up for an Apple ID (iTunes account) and what if I already have an Apple ID?

Students need to create a new Apple ID for school use only. This is to prevent any personal content that violates the Student AUP and iPad Use Agreement from accidentally being downloaded to the school owned device. Students will be receiving a new school issued Google email account that should be used as the primary email address on the Apple ID. Students should create their Apple ID prior to their iPad distribution date. Those students who need assistance or do not have wi-fi access will have an opportunity during their iPad distribution day to create the Apple ID at school.

Is a credit card required to download and install software?

No credit card is required; students will set up a free Apple ID, which gives them the ability to download apps. The school can purchase apps for students using a voucher system. If they so choose, students or parents can buy iTunes gift cards and load money on a student's account without a credit card.

Can I load apps on my child's device?

Yes. We are allowing parents to purchase apps for their child above and beyond what is offered by the school. You can do this by loading their iTunes account with a gift card. Please keep in mind that the school-related apps and content take a priority over personal apps when space is limited on the device.

Can a student install other apps or music?

Yes: Students are permitted to use the device for personal use within NMCSC guidelines. Refer to the NMCSC Student AUP for more information.

Are discounts available on app purchases?

The school will purchase a core set of apps and selected apps for various departments/classes in bulk and distribute those apps to students. Throughout the year additional apps may be loaded on their iPads.