

Why iPads?

Preparing students for the 21st century is much different than when their parents and grandparents were in school. If our school’s mission is to *“academically train and spiritually nurture students to become productive citizens in society and impact others for Jesus Christ,”* then we have to work on equipping and preparing our students for the challenges of the world they will grow up in – one whose technology is upgraded almost every day! After visits to several schools in 2015 & 2016, further contact with more schools and organizations, and thorough research, the decision has been made to partner with Apple to use their technology in order to help us train our middle school students starting in 2016-2017. Since the creation of the MacBook and iPad, Apple has been at the forefront of working with schools (from <https://www.apple.com/education>):

“We believe that technology has the power to transform the classroom. It can pave new ways of thinking. New ways of sparking ideas. Yet the foundation never changes. A dedication to learning that’s always been part of our DNA. We’ve been proud to work alongside educators and students to reinvent what it means to teach and learn. And together we’re doing things we never thought possible”



Annual Technology Fee is \$300 per year DUE BY August 1. (Payment can be made with cash, check payable to FMCS, or credit card) The fee cannot be waived or reduced or eliminated by school provided financial assistance.

What does the new technology fee cover?

Technology fee covers cost for: (* - all items that need to be turned back in after second semester exams or upon withdrawal)

- *iPad Air 2 with 64 GB storage
- insurance through Worth Ave Group **that covers** accidental damage (includes drops, cracked screens/liquid spills), liquid submersion, theft (with police report), fire/flood damage, vandalism, natural disasters and power surge due to lightning; all with a \$50 deductible (see details provided by Worth when we start school)
- Bandwidth infrastructure (WiFi)
- Software
- Security through the Apple management console/Mosyle Mobile Device Management
- Maintenance
- Pre-loaded educational apps determined by teaching staff & apps during school year
- *Adapter and charging cord
- *Case



- **Required**, but not included: earphones/earbuds with microphone
- **Recommended**, but not required:
 - Screen protector;
 - Stylus;
 - Portable charger;
 - An external Bluetooth keyboard, if desired may be purchased by families. (Keyboard case is NOT ALLOWED. Students must keep the required case on their iPad; they can use a Bluetooth keyboard or a separate keyboard that can be plugged in)

What happens when I graduate? Do I keep it or is it the school's property?

The current 6th and 7th grade students will benefit from the Apple *Lease-To-Buy* program and will own their iPad after three years when they graduate. The iPad will be collected after second semester exams, wiped clean, and after graduation families will be notified when it will be available for pick up. Families can also opt to donate their iPad back to our school for use in our preschool/elementary. For this year's eighth grade: we will work on a purchase price if they choose to purchase.

Can my child purchase a different cover/case for his/her iPad?

No. Covers have been carefully selected for their safety and functionality, and should be kept on the iPad at all times. To extend the life of the covers, we ask that they not be altered in any way.

Our family owns an iPad. Can my child use it instead of a school iPad?

No. School owned iPads are specially configured and managed to enhance functionality and student safety. Also, our teachers have carefully chosen a suite of apps to support student learning. Having a consistent platform will enable our teachers and students to create an effective learning environment.



When will my child get an iPad?

Each new middle school student will receive his or her iPad at the beginning of the school year at our training session/deployment (must attend one of the two August deployments before school begins) provided a parent or guardian has signed the *Acceptable Use Agreement* and the technology fee payment terms have been completed.

For Year Two of iPads In The Middle School:

Our IT staff will be working on preparing our new iPads for our middle school students. More details will continue to be sent to middle school parents but keep these dates in mind as **ALL NEW middle school students** (* This would include ALL sixth graders, whether new to FMCS or not.) **MUST attend ONE** of these two deployments/training:

- Thursday, August 3rd from 6:30 pm — 9:00 pm (evening session); or
- Tuesday, August 8th from 12:30 pm — 3:00 pm (afternoon session)

iPads For Returning Middle School Students:

Middle school students in going into grades 7 and 8 will be able to pick up their iPad before school begins:

- Friday, August 4th anytime from 12:00-3:00, or
- Monday, August 7th before Open House at 7:00 pm (once we cross over to the middle school classrooms we will not deploy iPads)

How will the iPads be set-up?

Student iPads will be managed and suites of carefully chosen apps will be installed on iPads by the IT department of First Assembly/FMCS. Decisions about what apps and content should be placed on student iPads will be decided by teachers and administration on an ongoing basis. Our campus IT staff will utilize a Mobile Device Management suite (Mosyle) installed on each iPad. The MDM suite allows us to register each device on our server, where we can control the settings of the device and apply rules to support our learning environment.

Will students still receive books?

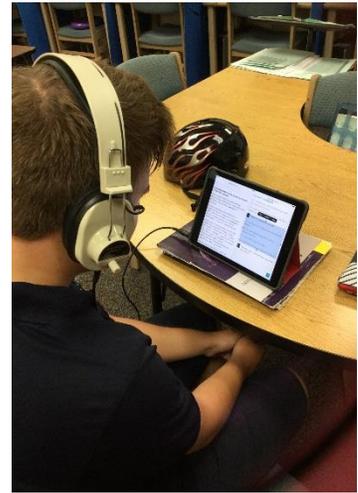
Students may receive hard copies of textbooks for which we don't currently own digital licenses.

Will students take tests and take notes on their iPads?

There will be some cases when tests can be taken on the iPad, however, the school will not go totally paperless.

Will the school block students from using certain websites?

On campus: our firewall will help block many inappropriate websites. Outside of school Wi-Fi – no. This is a great time for all of us to work together to teach our students about the responsibilities they have as Christians with technology.



VERY IMPORTANT: OFF CAMPUS: parents should constantly monitor their student's tech activities. Whether thru their home Wi-Fi security controls or random spot checks, we cannot recommend this enough. FMCS teaches a class on Digital Citizenship that your student will attend two days a week – BUT they still have to make decisions to follow what we teach them. The home and the school should work together to keep our students accountable.

Can my child take his/her iPad home?

YES – every night! The iPad will be used for classwork and homework assignments during the school year. Students should take their iPads home each night in order to charge their device and complete their homework. Students are issued plug adaptors and cables for charging their iPads at home at the beginning of the year. A dead battery at school will be treated as not being prepared for class. The iPad can hold a charge for 10 hours, and our expectation is that students arrive at school each morning with their iPads fully charged. **(A replacement fee will be charged to student accounts for lost cables and chargers.)**

At checkout at the end of the year, the school will need to collect the iPads to perform annual maintenance on the devices and they will stay at school over the summer. We will attempt to collect them following their last second semester exam. The following items need to be returned: (everything they were given to start the year)

- iPad
- Case
- Plug in adapter (\$19)
- Cable (\$25)

If any alternative adapter or cable is turned in that is NOT properly compatible with the iPad Air 2, the family will be charged for the cost of the replacement. (Just because “it works” does not mean it is compatible. Improper cables or adaptors can damage the battery life of the iPad)

What if a student forgets and leaves their iPad at home?

Teaching responsibility is a great life skill. Such an incident will be treated as a disciplinary issue just like forgetting a notebook or textbook. Handbook rules apply.

Can other people use the iPad during the school day?

No. The iPad is intended to be an individual student tool and the responsibility of a particular student. Borrowing or lending iPads at school is not allowed.

When and where can I use my iPad at school?

The iPad is an academic tool to be used in the classroom under teacher supervision. iPads are not to be taken to the bathroom, to PE (unless requested by the teacher), or to lunch, etc.

Where should iPads be stored during the school day?

Each student’s iPad will be stored in that student’s locker during the day when not being used. It will be more important than ever that students lock their locker where their iPad is stored. For athletes with sports after school, the suggestion is to keep your iPad locked in your locker and pick it up afterwards. At all costs, the students should not place their iPad in their bookbags – school surveys have shown that is a leading cause of cracked screens. (Results: \$50 deductible and loss of iPad for a period of time with no guarantee of a backup)

Can students download apps?

No. The school has paid for and downloaded an extensive suite of applications. We will continuously seek out the best educational materials and will solicit suggestions from students, faculty, and parents. This policy will be evaluated as we journey through our first year of the program.

If I have my own Amazon, Nook, or iBook account, can I buy books for my child?

Yes. We encourage students, with their parents’ permission, to use any of the pre-installed eReader apps, such as *iBooks*, *Nook* and *Kindle* to purchase music and digital books. We recommend parents use smaller denomination gift cards to fund such accounts and to limit a child’s potential purchases.

When and how may I use my iPad to record and post images, audio, and video?

We are excited to integrate the capabilities of the iPad in classroom activities. Everything produced on the iPad should show respect for others. Inappropriate use of the iPad to capture images, audio, or video without the permission of the teacher or subject is not allowed. Before

posting multimedia files in a public forum, students must seek the permission of the teacher or administration. (See Student Acceptable Use Agreement)

What happens if my child loses or damages his/her iPad?

The iPad is covered by insurance through the Worth Avenue Group. (Certain rules apply) There is a deductible of \$50.00 which will be charged through your FACTS account. Your student may be provided with a loaner until their iPad can be fixed or replaced. (www.worthavegroup.com)

At the moment a screen is cracked in any way, the main office should be notified, the family needs to pay the \$50 deductible and we will send that to Worth Avenue for repair.

Who may use the iPad outside of school?

We recommend having this important discussion with your child, as he/she is responsible for his/her particular device and how it is cared for. We have installed apps on the iPad which parents may also enjoy exploring.

Can my child still use his/her laptop at home instead of the iPad?

Yes and no, depending on what is required by the assignment. A student may choose to type their homework on a home laptop or desktop computer and then attach it to an email so it can later be opened in school on their iPad. However, we have found the iPad to be entirely sufficient for the majority of student homework needs, and we encourage students to use their iPad as their primary computing device.

How will my child backup the work he/she has created on the iPad?

Students will have several ways in which to make sure their work is backed up: they may email work to a teacher or to a classmate; or students will also be able to save and sync work to the iCloud, Google drive, Dropbox or other storage sites from school or home.

May my child sync his/her school iPad to his/her iTunes account on a home computer?

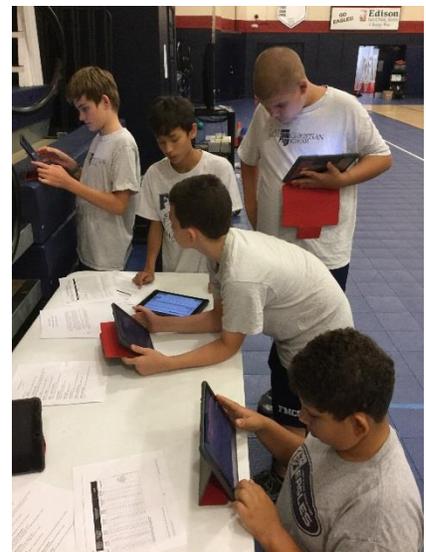
No. As previously mentioned, the iPads will be specially configured and preloaded with a suite of apps carefully chosen by teachers and staff. Students should never sync a school iPad to a personal iTunes account on a home or school computer as this will erase the school's content from the iPad.

Do I need to have wireless internet service at home for this device to work?

Not necessarily. An advantage of the iPad is that it has plenty of memory to store textbooks and other materials for homework. There will be work that can be accomplished without an internet connection. The school will provide internet access on campus.

How will my child's iPad connect with my home network?

The iPad may be connected to a home network wirelessly. If your network is password protected, you will need to enter this password when the device first detects your network.



How will my child print using the iPad at home?

In a move toward sustainability, we are hoping to reduce our paper usage through the iPad. At home, newer printers with AirPrint and ePrint capabilities can communicate with the iPad or third party software solutions can be installed on existing home computer/printer setups that will allow the iPad to discover older non AirPrint printers. Another option is to use email to move documents to another device for printing purposes.

AirPrint 101 @ Apple Support: <http://support.apple.com/kb/HT4356>

Why does my student need a school gmail address?

The student's gmail address will be a great asset for communication between your student and their teacher. We are using gmail because it is free, has basically unlimited space, plenty of great features, and can be synced to an iPad with almost no hassle. That address will also open the door for cloud storage and sharing of documents, movies and projects for school.

Please follow these steps to set up your free account for your student:

Go to <http://www.gmail.com> and click "CREATE AN ACCOUNT" in the top right corner. (Parents: if you already have a Google account, you get a screen that reads "Add Gmail to your Google Account" and at the bottom of the directions you will see a link: "If you prefer, you can create a [new Google Account with email, and leave this one as-is.](#)")

Fill in all the information in the form. Some reminders:

- **FORMAT FOR THE EMAIL:** Your child very well might use this email address for years to come and the best format to help us with school communication would be to follow

this format: [lastname.firstnamefourdigitnumber@gmail.com](#)

Student email address: _____ . _____ @gmail.com
(last name) (First Name) (4 digit number)

So this is the example: student name is James Smith; email would be mith.james1550@gmail.com

▪ **PASSWORD TIPS:**

- Make sure the password contains at least ONE capital letter, ONE number, and is at least 8 characters long or longer. (Ex: "Michael8435551916" ↓ Capitalized middle name of student plus a parent or home phone number the student has memorized)
- Make the password something your child can remember (middle name + house number, initials + parent's cell phone number, etc.). Also, **MAKE SURE YOU KNOW THE PASSWORD** so you can keep an eye on your child's email. **DO NOT LET THEM CHANGE THE PASSWORD AND KEEP THEIR COMMUNICATIONS PRIVATE FROM YOU UNTIL THEY TURN 18!!!**

- PUT THE PARENT'S BIRTH DATE INTO THE FORM as Gmail will block you from creating an account if you use the birthday of a child under the age of 13.
- Once you have completed the process, you are good to go. Make sure both you and your child know the email address and have the password memorized.
- As a parent at home, we **HIGHLY advise parents** to setup some additional security features: for example, add the email address to your smart phone's email app so your child's emails get forwarded to you, turn off any of Google's tracking or social networking features (under settings), etc. This helps keep an eye on your child and ensure they aren't communicating with anyone they shouldn't be.

