



Who will be receiving iPads?

All students in 2nd -8th grade will receive a district-issued iPad for the 2016-2017 school year. Students in 2nd grade will keep iPads at school, while 3rd-8th graders will take iPads home.

What about Kindergarten -1stgrade?

Kindergarten -1st grade will have class sets for students to share for the 2016-2017 school year.

Who has to attend an orientation session?

Parents of 3rd graders will attend a short orientation session during Open House.

Is an Apple ID account required?

Yes. In order to back up certain apps and digital content it is mandatory to have an Apple ID account. This also allows your student to take ownership in the use of the iPad by being able to download apps and other curricular resources that are of interest to them and within district guidelines. For the 2016-2107 school year, the district will be issuing District Managed Apple IDs, which no longer require parent participation in the creation of the Apple ID.

Who owns the iPad?

All iPads provided by the district are the property of Skokie School District 68. The district will purchase the iPad and all required apps.

Can students bring their own iPad to school?

Students will need to use a District-issued iPad. This allows the school district to manage licensing, apps, settings and configurations within our network.

Can I refuse an iPad for my child(ren) or require them to leave it at school?

An iPad is considered a required school supply for 3rd-8th grade students. Students will be expected to have them at school, fully-charged, each day and take them home at night to complete homework and class projects. We do not have storage space at school to accommodate school storage of assigned devices. Some class textbooks are located on the iPad as well as applications for functions such as typing assignments, researching, communicating with teachers and classmates and producing demonstrations of learning. Specific uses of the iPad will be up to individual classroom teachers while at school and up to parent discretion at other times.

Could my child use a different case?

No. iPads should remain in the school provided case at all times. Parents may purchase a screen protector to add to the screen if they would like.

Will the District provide accessories?

External keyboards will be in each building for teacher check out if needed. If students wish to use a stylus, they may choose to purchase one and bring to class.

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

Students, with support from parents, are expected to manage their iPad in a way that minimizes the likelihood of damage, loss or theft. iPads must never be left in an unlocked locker, unlocked car or unsupervised area. Any iPads that are broken or fail to work properly must be reported to the student's teacher immediately. Families pay a \$30 technology fee tech year. That fee covers one accidental damage claim per year with a maximum of two device replacements for the time a student attends a Skokie School District 68 school. In the event that damage or theft occurs, the District will repair or replace the iPad at no additional cost to parents. That fee will also cover theft, if parents provide a copy of a police report.

The technology fee will not cover intentional damage nor will it cover lost devices. Families are responsible for the cost of a lost or intentionally damaged iPad. Families may choose to purchase supplemental insurance to cover loss or intentional damage. One reputable company that provides this service at annual cost of \$49 is the Worth Avenue Group.

See page 30 of the District's new Parent Handbook for additional details about iPad repair or replacement.

What happens if my child loses their iPad charger?

Replacement chargers will be available at school for \$40 or separately for \$20 for the lightning cord and \$20 for the power brick. Or, a family may wish to purchase the replacement on their own. Acceptable brands are Apple, Belkin, Anker or Dynex.

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

If students fail to bring their device to school, they will be responsible for completing course work as though they had their device with them (think of it in the same way as a textbook or notebook).

Can students download apps?

No. Students and parents are not permitted to download apps. Using the iPad management software, the app store will not be available to students. The school has carefully selected an extensive suite of applications and will continue to add to the list based upon educational needs.

Am I required to have Internet access at home for the iPad program?

No, Internet access in the home is not required. If necessary, students will be able to access free wireless service at public libraries or many local businesses. When needed, students will have the opportunity to obtain necessary documents and information on their iPads before leaving school.