



1:1 iPads at SFP

Frequently Asked Questions

Which model of iPad will the school be providing?

We will be using the iPad Air. It has a top-of-the-line processor, camera, and screen. It is different from the newest model (the iPad Air 2) only in that it does not have a fingerprint sensor. It is also slightly larger.

This model will have 16GB of storage.

Is there a fee if we choose to use a school-provided iPad?

No! The cost of the iPad program comes from a capital campaign, which is why we are able to offer a credit to families who choose not to use a school-provided iPad.

Will we need insurance?

Yes. With either a school-provided iPad or a student-provided iPad, every family will need to purchase insurance through the school. This policy will cover theft and accidental damage - but not loss.

Information about purchasing insurance through SFP will be available this summer on the Prep website.

If my family shares a single iPad, can my student use it to participate in this program?

That's not a good solution. Each student will need to bring his or her iPad to school every day and will need to have it available for homework every night. It is a school supply, and should be treated as such by the entire family.

If my student uses a family-owned iPad for this program, will it be monitored by the school?

Yes! It's very important that all iPads in the 1:1 program be monitored and restricted equitably. Student-owned iPads will have the same monitoring and restrictions as school-owned iPads. This means that internet history, app usage and settings may be visible to IT staff and that certain functions and apps may be restricted.

If we sign up to use a student-owned iPad this year, can we change our minds next year?

Unfortunately, we can't accommodate changes after June 9th of this year. Once we process the tuition credit, you will be responsible for providing an iPad for all four years your student attends SFP.

Can an iPad 2 be used in this program?

Unfortunately, no. iPad 2's no longer have the processing speed necessary to use many common apps. We want to ensure that all students have an iPad that works well throughout their time at SFP.

Will certain features be restricted?

Yes. The iMessage and Game Center apps will be blocked on all 1:1 program iPads.

Also, *all* 1:1 program iPads will be prevented from physically connecting to computers via a USB cord. This is to prevent jailbreaking of the iPad and removal of monitoring software. We realize that some people do use a physical connection to move large files (photos, music, and movies) from one device to another, there are other ways to do this, which iPad Program staff can help with. Although this may necessitate a change in routine, it should not impact functionality.

However, we want to restrict as little as possible and instead work with students to teach responsible use.

How will this monitoring software be installed?

In August, students who will be using a school-owned iPad will be required to pick them up, with monitoring software already installed.

Students who are using a family-owned iPad will be required to bring their iPads to SFP over the summer in to have monitoring software installed. Part of this installation process will involve erasing the iPad completely.

Will I lose any data during this process?

Yes. All family owned iPads will need to be fully erased as part of this process. You will be able to download previously purchased apps for free, but do not expect to retain any data from those apps. This will be a fresh start for the iPad.

Is 16GB of storage enough?

Yes. Students should not have an overwhelming number of apps that will need to be downloaded, and many large files (like textbooks) are stored in the cloud instead of on the iPad's physical storage. We encourage students to utilize cloud based storage solutions (like Dropbox or Google Drive) as much as possible.

It is important to note that if students find that their large personal files (for instance, photos) are preventing the iPad from functioning in class, those personal files must be moved to another device or the cloud for storage.

Will my student be required to use the iPad to take notes?

Absolutely not. The iPad is a tool to help students in their schoolwork. For many students, that means they will want to use it to keep their notes accessible and organized. However, others may prefer paper, which is absolutely fine. Students will always be able to take notes in a format that is comfortable for them.

Should we purchase a separate keyboard?

That's entirely at your student's discretion. Many students are comfortable using only the touch keyboard to type even long assignments. However, students are encouraged to use any accessories (styluses, keyboards, cases) that are comfortable for them. If you are unsure whether your student will want a keyboard or not, consider waiting until a few weeks into the school year, when students will have a better idea of their needs and comfort level.

Will cases be provided?

All students will be required to purchase a specific case, which the school will provide. This case has been proven to reduce the chance of an iPad breaking.

Will the school-owned iPads be collected over the summer?

They will not. To be equitable to both school-owned and student-owned iPads, students will be able to use their iPads over the summer months as well. Restrictions and monitoring will continue to be in place during that time.

What happens to school-owned iPads at graduation?

We have not yet made that decision.