

1:1 iPad Program Requirements

2018-2019 Academic School Year



Dear SVDP Middle School Parents,

We want to share updates to our middle school 1:1 iPad program for the 2018-2019 school year. For students already in our program, it is possible that equipment upgrades may be required, so please read carefully. All middle school students, 5th through 8th grade, are required to be equipped with an iPad on the first day of school. Families are responsible for providing this device, following the requirements outlined below.

At the beginning of the school year, students will take part in a TECHcamp. Students will review the school's Acceptable Use Policy, practice iPad management during class time and transitions, understand best practices around security, and download the appropriate apps to start off the school year.

As we continue integrating 21st century skills into the learning environment at SVDP, we may review and revise the program to best meet the needs of our students. With the support of the SVDP parent community, this successful program will benefit our students now and into the future.

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All families are required to provide an iPad Air, iPad Pro or iPad Mini and a case with a built-in Bluetooth keyboard for their middle school student prior to the start of the 2018-2019 school year. SVDP requires that your student has an iPad on the first day of school, August 22, 2018.

Which iPad should I purchase?

We encourage parents and students to explore new, pre-owned, or existing family iPads that meet the requirements of the SVDP 1:1 program. Below is a list of acceptable devices, **any device not listed below is not acceptable for the iPad program.** **Devices must be compatible with iOS 11.**

iOS 11 is compatible with the following iPad devices:

- 10.5-inch iPad Pro
- 9.7-inch iPad Pro
- iPad Air 2
- iPad Air
- iPad-6th generation
- iPad-5th generation
- iPad mini 4
- iPad mini 3
- iPad mini 2

Wi-Fi Only Option

We recommend the Wi-Fi only models, to avoid reoccurring monthly charges since the devices can only use available wireless networks. While on the SVDP campus, the Wi-Fi device will be protected behind our firewall to keep students from accessing most inappropriate material. No solution is 100% effective, but our firewall, combined with teacher supervision will keep students safe online while at school. *We do not recommend purchasing the cellular 3G or 4G enabled iPads as you will be enabling your student to have connectivity via a cell phone plan that will incur a monthly usage charge and allow a student to bypass the campus network, firewall and website filters. If your student brings a cellular 3G or 4G enabled iPad to school, we will require that the cellular capabilities be turned off and that only the W-Fi is used while on campus.*

Hard Drive Size

The 32 GB size or larger will be needed for your student to effectively manage apps, books and media files for educational purposes.

The device should be considered an educationally focused tool to be used mainly for schoolwork and projects. Audio and video files are large and will fill a hard drive quickly. The iPad that is brought to school is intended for learning and not as a game console or remote movie player. While this will be explained during the first days of school, we recommend having this same discussion with your student and implementing the parental control features on the iPad if needed.

All applications downloaded to the device must be school appropriate as defined by the school.

Recycle Old iPads

Recently, Apple.com came out with a wonderful program to recycle your old iPads. This is a great way to repurpose older iPads to meet your student's needs. Visit www.apple.com/recycling/ for more information.

AppleCare+ Insurance

We strongly recommend you purchase the AppleCare+ iPad insurance (\$69-\$99) as this will cover any accidental damage for two (2) years as well as two separate instances of negligent damage. Apple explains the coverage as: *"Every iPad comes with one year of hardware repair coverage through its [limited warranty](#) and up to [90 days of complimentary support](#). AppleCare+ for iPad extends your coverage to two years from the original purchase date of your iPad and adds up to two incidents of accidental damage coverage, each subject to a \$49 service fee plus applicable tax.¹ In addition, you'll get 24/7 priority access to Apple experts via chat or phone."*

[Full Apple Care information is located here.](#)

Cases and Screen Protection

Your student should have his or her iPad in a full body protective case with a front cover. We do not recommend a clear film cover for the iPad's screen as this sometimes hinders the device's interactivity. A proper case with a hard or flexible screen cover will suffice.

It is **required** that each case be equipped with a Bluetooth keyboard.

Setup

During the first weeks of school students will take part in a TECHcamp. They will setup their school e-mail and be granted access to Microsoft's Company Portal for distribution of school apps. It is ok for them to explore their new iPad over the summer with a family Apple ID. Know that some of the processes will change from what we have done in the past, so if you have had another child go through the process, please do not try and replicate the process for your middle school student.

Tech-Checks

Periodic **Tech-Checks** will be conducted by school personnel, including but not limited to screening of installed apps, notification settings (which should be turned off), and photos/videos on device.