

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Newton High School's iPad program

### 1. Q. ***What is a 1:1 program and why iPads in the High School?***

A. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, understanding and using technology is an integral part of virtually every aspect of daily life. When integrated into instruction, technology will support new strategies for teaching and learning by:

- addressing diverse learning styles,
- accommodating individual learning rates,
- encouraging cooperative learning,
- providing the means to communicate globally, and
- improving academic achievement in all areas.

A 1:1 technology program can enhance the teaching and learning process, stimulate creativity, increase student achievement, and provide a means for effective communication with students and families.

Newton School District believes all use of technology must support education.

The 1:1 planning team carefully considered the Newton School District Board's strategic plan as the foundation of this program. Based on our findings and reinforced by research from around the world, a 1:1 program can increase student achievement, provide a way for effective communication with students and families, and help maximize resources.

The district chose iPads because of the direct and proven immediate impact these mobile devices have in education.

### 2. Q. ***Are there any costs associated with the iPad?***

A. While there is no initial cost to parents or students for the use of the iPad, if the iPad is damaged or lost due to negligence on the part of the student, those costs will be incurred and applied to the student's account.

### 3. Q. ***Who owns the iPad?***

A. The iPad and ALL contents within the iPad are the property of NHS. It is the student's responsibility upon receipt of the iPad to care and maintain the iPad. iPads may be searched or taken at any time by a school staff member.

### 4. Q. ***What happens if the iPad gets damaged or lost?***

A. There will be a structured replacement fee schedule for any damage incurred on the iPad. The replacement cost of the iPad includes: the iPad, iPad case, iPad charger, and apps. In the event damage occurs to the iPad the student will be billed in accordance with the fee schedule below. Please check with your homeowners and auto insurance to see if the iPad is covered.

- First incident- \$50
- Second incident- \$100

- Third incident - up to full replacement (\$500)
- Case \$50 or full replacement cost
- Charger \$40 or full replacement cost

In the event the iPad is damaged due to negligence as defined by the administration, the student will be responsible for the entire replacement cost of the iPad and accessories. Negligence would include but not be limited to: Loss, theft, setting heavy objects on the iPad, leaving the iPad in extreme heat or cold, stepping on or hitting the iPad, throwing the iPad.

**5. Q. When will my student receive the iPad?**

- A. Students will receive iPads during the first term of 2013.

**6. Q. What are the expectations of my student concerning the iPad?**

- A. Students are expected to follow the Acceptable Use Policy at all times.

Students are responsible for charging their iPads at home and are expected to bring their iPads each day to school fully charged. Students are responsible for their iPad at all times and must make sure iPads remain in the case provided by Newton High School.

**7. Q. Will my student be allowed to download to the iPad?**

A. The student will only be allowed to download data, media, and apps as allowed in the Acceptable Use Policy. Any violation will result in removal of the download and/or removal of the iPad.

**8. Q. Does my student need an Apple ID?**

A. An Apple ID will be needed to log into an iTunes account. The student may be asked to download a free app for classroom use, an Apple ID is necessary to download any app. Students may already have an Apple ID, if not, directions on how to get an Apple ID can be found on the District 1:1 web page. A student will not be asked to download an app for classroom use that contains a fee. It is up to the parent/guardian whether a student will be allowed to download anything for personal (non-school) use that requires payment. ([Add link to NHS 1to1 page](#))

**9. Q. Will the student need to create a new iTunes account to use with the iPad?**

A. While an iTunes account will be required with the iPad, it does not have to be new. Any existing iTunes account can be configured on the iPad. It is even possible to have more than one iPad attached to the same iTunes account and still be able to have different configurations on each iPad. NHS strongly encourages the students to create an iTunes account using a personal email address.

**10. Q. What if we don't have Internet access at home?**

A. Access is available at many places around town and the school is open from 5:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. most evenings.

**11. Q. What steps can I take to help my student be “Cyber safe and cyber smart”?**

**A.** Understand and communicate internet safety. As a parent/guardian it is best to be aware of what's out there. Talk to your student about values and the standards that your student should follow on the use of the Internet, apps, music, videos, and social networking. The best filter out there is the one between your student's ears. Talk to your student about the following dangers: sexting, social networking, and cyberbullying. Parents are encouraged to visit these websites for more information on cyber safety: [www.netsmartz.org](http://www.netsmartz.org), [www.commonsensemedia.org](http://www.commonsensemedia.org), [www.iaicac.org](http://www.iaicac.org)

**12. Q. *May my student keep the iPad?***

**A.** No. The iPads will be turned in each summer for maintenance and redistribution the following school year.

**13. Q. *Is the information on the iPad private?***

**A.** No. The iPad and ALL information on it are the property of NCSD and can be inspected at any time.

**14. Q. *May my student opt out of using the NHS iPad altogether?***

**A.** No. The educational benefits of this technology can only be achieved if all students use the device.

**15. Q. *Will the Internet be filtered on the iPad?***

**A.** The iPads will be filtered exactly like all devices on our network. A reminder that no Internet filtering is 100% effective. The filtering software will, at times, filter sites that it shouldn't and fail to filter sites that it should. However, for the most part, it does help cut down on students browsing inappropriate Internet sites.

**16. Q. *What happens if my student forgets to bring the iPad?***

**A.** Research has shown that students learn best when they are actively engaged, and technology engages students. The student will be at a disadvantage without the iPad.

**17. Q. *If the iPad has to be sent off for repair, will my student be at a disadvantage in class?***

**A.** If there is a problem with an iPad received through the program, the iPad should be returned to the NHS LMC or the main office at Basics and assessed for repair. During this time, a loaner iPad will be provided so there is no disadvantage to the student.