



# Central Catholic iPad Program

## FAQs

The focus of the Central Catholic iPad Program is to provide our students and teachers with contemporary tools and resources. Excellence in education requires that technology be seamlessly integrated throughout the educational program. Increasing student access to technology is essential for the future. One learning tool for twenty-first century students is the iPad. Students' use of an iPad can empower them to reach their full potential and prepare them for college and the workplace. According to studies and school reports, students who use a computing device in a one-to-one educational environment are more organized and engaged learners, attend school more regularly, advance their knowledge and understanding of technology, and become constructors and designers of information and ideas. The iPad is a device that makes learning more accessible and engaging.

### **WHY IS MY SON RECEIVING AN IPAD?**

During the 2012-2013 academic year, a number of Central Catholic teachers and students participated in a pilot program that incorporated the use of iPads into the curriculum. Based upon the success of that program, Central Catholic's Administration and Board of Directors decided to expand the program to all students. Apple is a recognized leader in educational technology, and has a wealth of resources to ensure the success of our program. The integration of applications, long battery life, and stable operating system will facilitate maximum educational use and require minimal support.

### **WHEN WILL MY SON RECEIVE HIS IPAD?**

Your son will register for and attend one of three orientation sessions on August 7, 9, or 13. Start times are every 15 minutes and the orientation will take 60-90 minutes. To sign up, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/cchsfreshmen>. Each session has limited capacity, and each student **must** be pre-registered so his iPad will be available at that session.

### **MAY MY SON USE HIS PERSONAL IPAD OR ANOTHER DEVICE?**

Students will be required to use their school-issued iPads throughout the school day. Students are not permitted to bring a personal iPad or other tablet device to school.

## **WHERE SHOULD THE IPAD BE KEPT WHEN IT IS NOT NEEDED FOR CLASSES OR DURING AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES?**

Students should keep their iPad in their LOCKED student locker, where various security measures are in place, in their locked gym locker, or in another secure place. Students are responsible for safely storing their iPad during all co-curricular and extracurricular activities. Coaches and moderators can assist students in securing their iPad or other valuables, but the student is responsible for informing the coach when he is unable to secure his iPad or other valuables. Under no circumstances should an iPad be left in an unlocked or unsupervised area.

## **HOW AND WHEN WILL MY SON LEARN TO USE HIS IPAD?**

Central Catholic will provide students with iPad orientation and training when they receive their iPad, and additional training will be provided at the beginning of the school year. Most students are adept at learning technology, and from experience we are confident that students will teach themselves and one another.

## **SOME CONTENT ON THE INTERNET IS UNSUITABLE. IS THERE FILTERING?**

Central Catholic has web filters that prevent students from accessing inappropriate and malicious web content.

## **WHO WILL MONITOR INTERNET USAGE AT HOME?**

Central Catholic believes that, at home, parents and guardians have the authority and responsibility to restrict iPad usage. Examples include:

- Your son may use the iPad in a family room, but not in his bedroom.
- Your son may use the iPad until a certain time in the evening or until his schoolwork is complete.
- Parents/guardians can examine the documents and other content of the iPad at any time.

## **WHAT HAPPENS IF THE IPAD IS STOLEN?**

In cases of theft, vandalism and other criminal acts that occur outside the purview of Central Catholic, a police report, or in the case of a fire, a fire report, **MUST** be filed by the student or parent before Central Catholic will replace the iPad. A copy of the appropriate report must be provided to the Assistant Principal for Student Affairs' office. After the first such incident, the student/family will be responsible for half of the cost of replacement (approximately \$200). For any subsequent replacement, the student/family will be responsible for the full cost.

## **MAY MY SON USE A CASE OF HIS CHOICE?**

No. The Otterbox case provided with the school-issued iPad has been selected for its ability to best protect the iPad from damage under normal use and to provide a suitable means for carrying it. The iPad should always be stored in its school-issued protective case. **The entire cost of repair of an iPad damaged while not in its school-issued case will be borne by the student/family.** The student may affix appropriate stickers to his case in order to easily identify it. **The student may not put any mark on or affix anything to the iPad itself.**

**WHAT HAPPENS IF THE IPAD IS BROKEN?**

Central Catholic will arrange for repairs to a school-issued iPad. Students are responsible for a deductible of **\$50** (freshmen, sophomores, seniors) or **\$100** (juniors—iPad Air 2). A damaged iPad must be taken to the Library no later than the next school day. **Do not attempt to repair the iPad or take it elsewhere for repair.** After repairs are complete, the student must submit a check made payable to “Central Catholic High School.” If an iPad sustains damages so significant that it cannot be repaired, the student/family will be responsible for half of the cost of replacement (approximately \$200).

**WILL MY SON BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PURCHASING HIS OWN APPS?**

No. Central Catholic will purchase and distribute to all students a set of carefully selected apps. Students will receive additional apps relevant to their courses. Apps for personal use must be purchased by the student.

**WILL CENTRAL CATHOLIC BE PURCHASING EBOOKS FOR MY SON?**

As with traditional textbooks, Central Catholic will be responsible for the costs associated with eBooks or iBooks that can be purchased with state monies.

**WILL MY SON HAVE TO OR BE ABLE TO USE HARD COVER TEXTS?**

Your son will be using a variety of texts—eBooks, iBooks, and traditional textbooks—based upon the course, the teacher, and the availability and quality of the digital offerings.

**TO WHAT EXTENT WILL MY SON BE ABLE TO CUSTOMIZE HIS DEVICE?**

Central Catholic understands that the device will be personalized by the student user. Students may personalize their home screen, apps, music, case, etc. if such personalization is in good taste and in compliance with Central Catholic’s Acceptable Use Policy.

**IS ANY SOFTWARE BANNED OR FORBIDDEN?**

Software or apps that do not conform to Central Catholic’s standards are not permitted. AirWatch software will regularly check each device for prohibited software, such as games, social media, and streaming video apps. The use of VPNs, proxy servers, pirated apps, unauthorized app stores, or other software designed to circumvent iPad policies or web filtering is strictly prohibited. Attempting to “jailbreak” the iPad is also prohibited.

**WHAT HAPPENS IF MY SON FORGETS TO BRING HIS IPAD TO SCHOOL?**

If a student is without his iPad, he is still responsible for completing his coursework. Central Catholic cannot lend an iPad to a student who has not brought his to school.

### **WHAT HAPPENS IF MY SON FORGETS TO CHARGE HIS IPAD?**

Among the reasons why Central Catholic chose the iPad is its long battery life: up to ten hours of normal use. Students should charge their iPads nightly, but may also take one or more of the following measures:

- Keep a charger at school, in a locked locker or backpack. A student should not leave his iPad unattended while it is charging.
- Use the charging station in the Library. A student gives his iPad to the librarian, who will charge the iPad. In this instance the student may leave his iPad unattended while it is being charged.
- Purchase an external battery pack/charger.

### **WILL MY SON BE ABLE TO KEEP HIS IPAD OVER THE SUMMER?**

A student in good standing who has returned the Central Catholic Parent and Student Agreement for iPad Use document may keep his iPad during the summer. Otherwise, the iPad, case, and charger will be collected on the last day of school and stored during the summer. Students will keep their iPads upon graduation from Central Catholic High School.

### **WHERE AND WHEN IS HELP AVAILABLE?**

Help is available in the Library during the school day. The librarian and teachers are trained to handle routine problems with the commonly used applications.