FAQ's (2016-2017)

What is the Plainedge iPad One to One Program?

We are very excited to continue our iPad and eSpark one to one initiative. Students in grades 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 will be assigned an iPad with specially selected software which they will be able to take home with them each day. By having access to technology 24/7 children can extend their learning and use the tools that motivate them to learn.

Why iPads?

One of the major goals of this program is to leverage the eSpark system to assist children in grades 4 and 5 with their individualized learning needs. eSpark analyzes district data such as the NWEA assessment data and creates individualized learning quests with specially selected apps, videos, and other digital resources for every child.   As part of the District's Technology Roadmap, we believe this personalized learning experience will positively impact student achievement while children progress through their customized learning plans.   The district will be focusing on ELA and Mathematics with eSpark in grades 4 and 5. eSpark customizes its quests in support of the Common Core Standards. Teachers can monitor student progress, review their work and identify opportunities for additional interventions and celebrate success in areas that are mastered.

In grades 6, 7, and 8, students will utilize iPads in support of their classroom instruction and for collaboration, research, projects, and homework. Each iPad is equipped with a productivity suite of software tools.

We also believe that the iPad will provide educational benefits including increased student motivation, additional time on learning, increased variety of instructional methods, improved access to information, and support of equal access for all students.

What if I don't have Wi-Fi at home?

Home wireless Internet access or Wi-Fi is not a requirement. However, some assignments may need to be completed at your school, a public library or other Wi-Fi enabled location.

Why are iPads not being provided to all students district-wide?

Cost is one consideration. Gradual increase will ensure our infrastructure and methods of support will work for this different type of machine use and expansion of the number of machines. We have computer labs, laptop carts and iPad carts which will increasingly become available for other students. From our experience we have learned the value of building a program in reasonable increments. Please see the District's Technology Roadmap for details on our 3-year goals.

Can my child bring in his/her own iPad, instead of using the School iPad?

No. There are a number of reasons why. Our plan is to fully monitor and evaluate the use of the school owned iPads. We believe providing consistent resources to students will help both students and teachers to implement effective learning activities.

What will happen to my child's work stored on the computer?

Student work saved to the iPad is the student's responsibility to backup. The District assumes no responsibility for lost work due to malfunction or user error.

Questions about Appropriate Use:

What policies apply when using the iPad?

The iPads are to support teaching and learning. Use of the iPad is governed by the Acceptable Use Policy for Technology in the Plainedge School District and the policies and procedures in the Plainedge School District Code of Conduct and iPad Handbook and iPad Loan and Use Agreement.

How will the websites used be filtered and monitored?

All Internet access while used on the Plainedge School District network is filtered and monitored in the same way we do with regular laptops and desktops. When the iPads are used off campus, they will not be filtered in any way. It is the responsibility of the student to use the iPad appropriately. We encourage parents to discuss appropriate use with their child and set guidelines for home and off campus use and monitoring in compliance with our policies.

Who can use the iPad?

Only the assigned student can use the iPad. The iPad is provided for educational support of the student and should not be used by others.

What will happen if my student forgets to bring the iPad to school?

All students are expected to be prepared to participate in each day's class discussions and activities. As such, iPads must be brought to school each day in a fully charged condition. Failure to bring the iPad to school charged will impact a student's performance in accordance to individual course expectations much like forgetting to bring in a book, paper, pen or pencil. There will be consequences but the consequences will not be withholding education. When appropriate, a loaner iPad may be provided.

Questions about Security:

How will iPads be identified?

IPads will be identified with markings on the iPad and iPad case including the Plainedge School District's Asset Tag and the manufacturer's serial number. These labels are to help students, parents, and teachers ensure students are using their designated machine.

How will iPads be protected from damage?

IPads will be in the student's active possession most of the day. The expectation is that students will keep the iPads in the provided protective cases. The cover provided with iPads have sufficient padding to protect the iPad from normal treatment and provide a suitable means for carrying the device within the school.

How will iPads be secured during the school day?

The iPads will be in the possession of the students through the school day. In situations where the iPad is not in the possession of the student (such as in a physical education class), iPads will be placed in a secure location (e.g. Main Office, Library, Classroom, <u>locked</u> student locker) at the beginning of the period and retrieved at the end of the period.

Questions about Costs:

Who owns the iPads?

The iPads are the property of the Plainedge School District.

Who pays for accessories?

The iPad will be supplied with a cover, charger and sync cord.

Are there any school fees for using the iPad?

There are no school fees for participation in the iPad project other than the replacement or repair costs if the device and accessories are lost or damaged.

Who is responsible for repair of the iPad?

The school district will be responsible for repairing iPads in the case of malfunction. Damage or hardware issues should be reportedly immediately to your classroom teacher. A loaner may be provided, if available, during repair or reimage.

Who is responsible for damage or theft of the iPad?

Willful, negligent or intentional loss or damage of the iPad and/or accessories will require restitution from the student in accordance with the Plainedge School District's iPad Handbook and iPad Use and Loan Agreement.

iPads are insured for theft, damage and loss. The Plainedge Public School District will file the insurance claim on behalf of the parent upon receipt of the following:

- Payment of the $100 deductible
- Fully executed "Property Loss Notice" form (attached)
- In the case of a claim of theft, a police report must be filed by the parent, and a copy of the police report must be provided to the district.

Item	Check for Damaged/Lost	Fee
iPad Screen		$100.00
Keyboard/Case		$40.00
USB Charging Cord		18.70
Charging Blocking for USB Charging Cord		18.70
Keyboard Charging Cord (Black)		$5.00

- Claims should be made on the next school day after the occurrence. The documentation should be provided to the Main Office of your child's school. If the above documentation is not provided, the parent will be responsible for the full cost of the iPad.