

The Hun Middle School iPad Initiative

The Hun School iPad Initiative provides tools for teachers and students to enhance technological literacy, promote creativity and collaboration, enable interactive and engaged learning experiences, support differentiated instruction, and make learning accessible to students from any location at any time.

Adding iPads to our toolboxes has opened a whole new set of possibilities for teachers and students alike. Recent surveys indicate that Hun students and parents appreciate using excellent, engaging, and affordable e-texts on the iPad as opposed to heavy, expensive, and sometimes dated textbooks. Universal access and systematic professional development for faculty have facilitated creative and meaningful usage in the classroom. As a school, we believe that this tool is indicative of the professional world our students will enter after Hun and therefore, see great benefit in making a part of their daily lives as students.

For the 2020-2021 Academic Year, all students in grades 6-8 are required to have an iPad to allow for iBooks capability.

Product Recommendations and Requirements:

- **Recommended Device:** For new students, we recommend optimally an **11 inch iPad Pro with 256GB** or at minimum a **10.2 inch iPad or 10.5 inch iPad Air**. Returning Hun students with older devices (iPad Air or older iPad models) may find limits on applications or iBooks but should be able to accomplish required school tasks with their current iPads. We also recommend students consider purchasing an Apple Pencil and Apple's Smart Keyboard for use in note-taking and other app-specific utilities that will enhance their classroom experience.
- **Required general applications for all students:** Please download the following applications for use on the first day of school. Keynote, Pages, and iMovie come free with all iPads but older devices may need to download from the app store:
 - Keynote- Free
 - Pages- Free
 - iMovie- Free
 - Desmos Graphing Calculator - Free
 - Google Sheets- Free
 - Google Docs- Free
 - Google Drive- Free
 - iBooks- Free
- **Required specific applications/books for individual courses:** In addition, certain classes have apps or iBooks that are required. Please check the Book and Application List for additional downloads that are specific to your academic program.
- **Cases and Insurance:** While not required, we encourage you to purchase AppleCare Plus or 3rd party insurance for the device in order to allow for replacement in the event of loss or breakage. Since the iPad is not owned by The Hun School, our resources to support the device are limited. The case of your choosing will also allow for maximum protection for your iPad when placed in a backpack or locker.
- **Backup** - We recommend that students use Apple's iCloud, Google Drive, or the Dropbox App to back-up and store important files on their iPads. Apps and iBooks are automatically backed up on the iTunes account used to purchase them. If the iPad is lost or breaks, a student could then access their work and iBooks on a temporary or new iPad.

- **Orientation and Acceptable Use:** As part of our orientation program in September, new students will review our proper care and acceptable use policies, learn the basics of our email and RaiderNet communication system, and be oriented on how our innovative printing system works with iPads. **New students should make sure that you bring your iPad to school for orientation activities on Tuesday, September 8.**

Please contact us here in the Middle School Academic Office at (609) 921-7600 if you have questions about your iPad. We will provide training in the use of essential applications at the start of school and our IT Office is always ready to assist students with any technology related questions.

