

Summer 2020

Dear Parents,

We hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer. As students begin to plan for their upcoming school year, technology has become an increasingly important factor. At The Southport School (TSS) we incorporate the use of technology in the online learning space to maximize teaching and learning. Our students are provided opportunities to learn and use various technology tools through projects, games, and multi-modal activities.

All of our faculty are trained in Apple-based applications that are designed for the iPad. Due to the CDC CoVID guidelines, TSS now **requires** all students to have their own iPad. However, if you are unable to provide your child with one, please contact me for details on our rental policy. We recommend an Apple iPad 6 or newer, any iPad Air 3 or newer, iPad mini 5 or newer, or iPad Pro. If a student chooses to bring a Macbook, most educational technology tools used by the teachers can be accommodated. Devices can be purchased through Apple's Education store for student pricing.

Protective keyboard cases for the iPad are suggested. Logitech is a recommended brand for keyboard cases. An Apple Pencil or Logitech Crayon is also recommended.

Additional requirements due to CoVID guidelines:

- Students must have their device each day
- Students must have a charging cord and block in their trapper (please label with their name)
- Students must have their own headphones, recommend to have a microphone incorporated
- Devices must be sanitized at home each day
- Devices must be fully charged upon school arrival.

Per CoVID guidelines: TSS will not have devices or chargers available to borrow.

Please be sure to download the following required apps prior to the start of school, as they will be used throughout the year. These all can be downloaded at no cost.

Google Drive, Docs, Slides, Classroom,

Apple Pages, Keynote, Clips

Lexia Core 5 (Lower School)

Lexia Strategies (Upper School)

Freckle

Classkick

Stop Motion Studio

Grammarly Keyboard

Quizlet

Kahoot

Quizizz

EdPuzzle

Recommended Apps

Voice Dream Reader (\$) Used with

Bookshare for accessible books.

Voice Dream Scanner (\$) Makes paper accessible

You may be contacted to download other apps throughout the year as teachers make specific class requests.

Please be sure to review the Acceptable Use Policy in the Parent Handbook when you receive it and feel free to email me or your child's advisor if you have any questions. It is recommended that parents disable iMessage on a student's device under screen time controls. Explore Apple's Families page to learn more about managing your child's device: <https://www.apple.com/families/>

Thank you.

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