



With the Japanese government's support, public schools started the GIGA school initiative a few years ago. At Hokkaido International School, we started using Google Classroom in 2013, and our junior high and high school students have been using their own devices for learning. Still, not all of our elementary students have been using them. HIS has decided to provide iPads to all elementary school students beginning with the 21-22 school year to promote more advanced educational initiatives and smoothly support online classes during the Covid19 pandemic.



All elementary students will be able to use Google Classroom and the Apple School Account (newly established) provided by HIS and will be able to study with their accounts protected by a secure ecosystem. HIS will then integrate the tool with all content areas, including IPC, science, technology, typing skills, programming, art, and math. It will be easier for students to respond to online classes in the event that the school uses online learning in the future.

In addition to other school fees, there will be an annual "IT and device maintenance fee" of 15,000 yen for K-5 Elementary students.

- We will provide each child with an iPad with his/her name on it.
- All iPads will be equipped with blue light blocking filters to reduce the harmful effects of blue light on the body.
- All iPads will be equipped with a protective case to protect the child from injury in case of damage.
- If HIS can have all students shift to online immediately during the pandemic, it can be done easily if the students can bring home their own iPad.
- Students' iPads will be stored safely in classroom lockers.

We are excited for all the new possibilities this initiative will open up! If you have any questions please contact the HIS Office.