

Dear Parents,

June 1, 2021

At Dunecrest American School we are very aware of the need to ensure technology is integrated optimally into the academic program, while maintaining a commitment to quality relationships and face to face connectedness. As stated in the Dunecrest American School Pillars, learners are most engaged when the learning community challenges them with interesting and achievable objectives. Learning happens best with passion, challenge and the essential support to experience success. People discover their abilities, values, passions, and responsibilities in situations that offer adventure and the unexpected. At Dunecrest American School, we help students overcome their fears and discover their innate ability to innovate and solve real world problems. Faculty and staff continually teach students how to responsibly use their access of technology to enhance knowledge and learning. Students are encouraged to compete, not against each other, but with their own personal best and with rigorous standards of excellence.

Just as in our current school year, for the 2021-2022 school year all students enrolled in **Grades 2 through 12** will need to bring a fully charged iPad on a daily basis, as part of their normal school supplies. We strongly recommend the following specifications for the iPad to ensure a consistent learning setup and a rich experience for students:

Required for Students

- iPad 10.2 (WiFi, 128 GB, the new 8th generation iPad)
- Apple Pencil
- Keyboard

Optional Items

- iPad Cover
- AppleCare
- Headphones

Dunecrest strongly recommends parents to purchase the AppleCare protection package for their child's iPad. Although we will educate and promote safe and responsible iPad care, accidents do happen, and the AppleCare program will allow you to quickly have damaged iPads repaired, avoiding discord over any damage, and preventing surprise repair costs.

Please click on the following link to purchase the required device for your child: [MDS CTS Education Store](#). You will receive educational prices from an authorized source.

Please complete your purchase orders **no later than July 1st 2021** in order to ensure delivery of devices by **August 15th 2021**. Any online orders received after **July 1st 2020** will have no guarantee of timely delivery. If you have any questions, you can contact the supplier directly on Applepractice@mdsuae.ae

We wish all our families, both new and returning, a happy and safe summer vacation.

Educationally Yours,



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