

FAQ on iPads

1. Q. Why are iPads required at Christopher Columbus High School?

- A. The iPad, as most current tablets, offers numerous educational advantages. In a clear and dramatic way, the iPad moves the learning process right into the hands of student, supports different teaching and learning styles, and allows CCHS to use digital textbooks and apps to replace more costly print materials and other devices. Accessing the schools wireless network, students can instantly connect to the information superhighway and do research for any class anywhere on campus. Students can review lessons, create podcasts, practice language skills, and dictate notes. Practically all of the students' textbooks are accessible through the iPad as well. iPads are an integral part of Christopher Columbus High School's commitment to effective technology integration in the learning process.

2. Q. What type of iPad is required by the school?

- A. Beginning with the class of 2019, all iPads will be leased from the school. These iPads will be the latest Apple edition model with the two-year AppleCare+. At the end of the student's sophomore year, the iPads will be collected and the student will be issued an updated model to serve him for the last two years at Columbus. Students will only have the option of keeping their second leased iPad at the end of their senior year.

3. Q. Is there anything else that I need to purchase with the iPad?

- A. School-leased iPads are issued with a protective case that meets specific sturdiness requirements, one set of charger and cable, and a stylus pen. Under no circumstances is the student to change the case without the permission of the school, and students are responsible for replacing a lost or damaged charger or cable.

4. Q. What happens if the iPad is damaged or stolen?

- A. Under the Columbus iPad lease agreement, iPad are owned by the school until released to the student at the end of his senior year, and provided that there are no outstanding balances on the lease agreement. Unless indicated otherwise by the Columbus IT staff, a damaged school-leased iPad must be brought to the IT department, and NOT TO THE APPLE STORE. When the iPad can be fixed, a \$50 deductible charge will be added to the student's account and a temporary loaner will be issued to the student until he can recuperate the original device. The student will be financially responsible for the replacement of an iPad that cannot be recovered because of accidental damage, theft, burglary/robbery, vandalism, fire, and natural disasters. In most cases where an iPad replacement is warranted, the student may be issued a loaner to finish off the 2-year cycle and be charged a nominal

monthly fee of \$20. The loaner device and any issued components must be returned to the IT department at the end of the cycle.

- 5. Q. Will there be any training for my student on how to use the iPad?**
- A. Yes, all incoming students receive instruction on basic operation of the device, once it's issued, and they receive more detailed instruction on its effective use and responsibilities in using the iPad.
- 6. Q. Will students receive help/support for the use of their iPad from the school?**
- A. Most definitely; the school will work with student to resolve any issue with a school leased iPad. Columbus is committed to provide its students with the necessary training and support for the proper and effective use of the device, all school-required apps, and any other digital content needed for the educational process.
- 7. Q. Will the school block students from using certain apps or websites?**
- A. The CCHS network is continually updated to filter web content and allow educationally-appropriate material. Under the school-leased and BYOD iPad agreements, the school reserves the right to remove any software from the iPad that is not conducive to its use as an educational tool in the learning process. In addition, parents may request further restrictions as allowed by the device.
- 8. Q. Is there a student technology use policy for the iPad?**
- A. The school's technology Responsible Use Policy is available on our school Student Manual and website. The policy may be updated as needed. Students and parents are asked to be familiar with the school's policy regarding responsible use of technology while the student is enrolled at Columbus. By signing the Agreement to the Student Handbook, students and parents acknowledge that they understand and agree to the terms of the policy.
- 9. Q. Will students be required to purchase digital text books for their classes?**
- A. Yes, Columbus has contracted with EdTech for all digital and hardcover books. A link to their site and instructions for book purchases is available on the OnCampus Resource page.
- 10. Q. Will CCHS install updates on the iPads?**
- A. It is the student's responsibility to update the iPad when instructed via email by the IT Department.

Please visit our school website regularly, under Academics, for updates on our iPad program and eLearning initiative.