

iPad FAQs

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1. May I take delivery of the iPad that I ordered from LHP now for my student?

All school issued iPads and school purchased iPads will be distributed to the students at the iPad Orientation Meetings for Parents and Students in August. We will have multiple meetings to accommodate family schedules. That schedule of meetings will be posted soon.

2. I am concerned that the iPad does not have enough storage capacity to be useful for my student.

Our students and faculty will be saving school-related documents to the cloud, therefore if students are careful to be aware of capacity and manage their device, capacity should not be an issue. Be aware though, students who have a high volume of personal media such as photos, videos, music, etc. should research alternatives for their own personal high volume storage. Downloadable books, files, videos, music etc. all combined could overload the capacity.

3. My student has not been able to use her iPad to submit assignments to Moodle. How will that work?

We are updating to Moodle 2 which integrates with the iPad. In fact, one of the schools that we visited used Moodle 2 as their backbone Learning Management System and we observed the integration was seamless and efficient. We will assist students in learning how to maximize the Learning Management System and Apps we have in place in August.

4. I have heard that Flash enabled websites and textbooks are not “read” by iPads. Our research tells us that Flash is being phased out. By the time we begin school year 2012-2013 we are confident the iPad materials we utilize in our classrooms will not be Flash enabled or there will be workarounds devised.

5. My child is more comfortable typing long assignments on her laptop. May she/he use the laptop instead of an additional device, the iPad? The iPad will afford every student an interactive learning tool in our classrooms and at home. The iPad is not necessarily a replacement for a laptop; it is a different device. We understand that some students may want to type longer papers or create more involved projects on a home computer or laptop. That is fine. Some students will adapt to the iPad and its touchscreen for even these long assignments. There are a variety of external keyboards available for the iPad also. We still have computer labs and laptops available for student use if necessary. The iPad is required

daily for every student; teachers are planning and designing their teaching with functionalities and apps unique to the iPad.

- 6. TurnItIn.com does not interface with iPads. How will this work?** We are watching this closely. TurnItIn has been deluged with requests from customers for an App or adjustment to allow for iPad submissions. We are confident that between now and August 2012 that we can solve this one!
- 7. We already have an iPad 1. Is it necessary to purchase another device?** No it is not necessary to purchase the next version iPad 2 or the newest iPad (3rd version) that was recently released. The iPad 1 will suffice for our classroom needs if your student already owns one. Our faculty will be using iPad 2s, but they will be aware of the differences and will design their lessons to accommodate students with the iPad 1, 2 and the New iPad by August!
- 8. What are the financial arrangements if my child uses the school provided iPad?**
The School will issue an iPad to your child as part of tuition for grades 7-12. At the end of the school year, your student will return the issued iPad or be responsible for its replacement. You will be responsible for a \$25.00 insurance policy with a \$200.00 deductible for damage, loss or theft. In the event you file a successful claim with the School on the insurance, a replacement iPad will be provided and the student account will be charged \$200.00. The replacement iPad must be returned at the end of the school year. Malfunction due to manufacturing defect shall be covered in full.
- 9. What are the financial arrangements if my child brings his own iPad to school?**
If you provide your own iPad, you will be eligible for a \$100.00 tuition credit to your student account and not have to pay a \$25.00 insurance fee that applies to those families who utilize the school's iPad.
- 10. What iPad apps will my student be required to download?**
At the beginning of the school year in August 2012, parent and student will attend an iPad Orientation Meeting where usage policies including a discussion of Apps will take place. Subject specific and cross curricular productivity Apps will be listed for download. The cost of Apps is minimal and many are free.
- 11. In light of Apple's recent announcement that they are partnering with several major textbook companies and making available iBook texts at prices that are a small fraction of the cost of hard copy texts, will LHPS be adopting any of these iBook textbooks?**
Our teachers go through a multi-faceted process when adopting new materials to use in their classrooms. They are considering the new texts offered by iBooks along with other e-texts and hard copy texts. That process is a several month vetting process. The iBook concept is an excellent one and we will be watching it closely as e-text offerings improve in number and

quality. There may be several courses that adopt this new iBook but in reality it may be another year before we are fully satisfied with the quality. Most publishers are rapidly adopting and designing their content to optimize digital imagery and functions that will truly enhance student learning. What we will see in our classrooms realistically this school year is a combination of hard copy texts and e-books.

Also, an added thought about books and iPads: Our use of iPads goes well beyond a tool to access and read an e-text. There are many functions offered by an iPad that our teachers will be utilizing in the coming years above and beyond the e-reader function.

12. May I take advantage of the LHPS pricing and purchase an iPad for another family member besides my student?

For tax purposes and due to inventory challenges, we cannot extend iPad purchases to anyone other than our enrolled students in grades 7-12. Many businesses and membership rewards programs offer very good purchase options.