

Why do students need a mobile computing device of their own?

Today's teenagers are utilizing mobile devices largely for communication and social media so it is important that as **LEARNERS**, they are benefiting from their generational technology ensuring they can become effective contributors as well as participants in the global community they will be working in.

Personal, individual devices, will allow for on-demand access to:

- a world of current information
- computing power for creating and producing work in a variety of formats
- digital course material created by our faculty
- bold dialogue and intellectual conversations with a teaching emphasis on students being content contributors
- digital textbooks, databases, audio files, video files and cloud storage so they can carry their studies with them
- a personalized computing device that ensures global and equitable access as well as options for personal customization, integration and responsibility
- consistent opportunities to practice digital literacy and critical online evaluation skills. Students who practice these skills across the curriculum have the strongest understanding and capability of navigating online information safely and confidently.

When should families purchase their iPad?

Families should purchase their iPad about two weeks prior to the mandatory summer iPad Orientation class usually held during the 2nd week in August. This will allow for each student to create their personal Apple ID at home, connect their iPad to their home Wi-Fi and be able to complete the Online Orientation portion before attending the August on-campus class.

What is the process for purchasing an iPad? iPad Specifications?

Purchases must be made through outside vendors such as the Apple store or an authorized Apple reseller; iPads will not be available for resale through Marist High School. To maximize capacity, we recommend 128GB or higher; Wi-Fi only; **NO cellular option**; along with AppleCare+ coverage. All iPads MUST be at iOS 11.0 or higher for the school's LMS (Canvas) to function. However, it is *highly recommended* that your iPad be current at the iOS 13.x level. Today's retail market sells the iPad Pro (12.9"), the iPad Air (10.5"), and the **New** iPad (10.2"). All 3 models are Apple Pencil compatible. The 128GB 10.2" iPad is perfectly adequate for educational use. Please visit the Apple website at www.Apple.com for peripherals specifics, i.e. Smart Keyboards, Apple Pencil, etc. We strongly encourage you to purchase a case for the iPad that protects the corner edges.

As part of the iPad Online Orientation, we will identify and communicate the required Apps that each student needs to have installed on their iPad through a summer mailing. Other Apps for specific courses will be communicated by teachers when school begins.

My child already has an iPad. Can they bring that one or do they need to purchase a new one?

The currently owned iPad can be used provided it meets all the recommended specifications noted above and that he/she has access to this device on a daily basis. Each student needs to have their own dedicated iPad for his/her use.

Why does the mobile computing device need to be an Apple iPad?

The Apple development community, other educational organizations, vendors, and resource companies are all dedicated to designing Apps for educational use utilizing the iPad. It is a functionally reliable product and has design elements which fit our needs, such as its long battery life, flat profile, touchscreen and dual cameras. The iPad platform is integrally designed within the school's network.

What happens if something better than the Apple iPad comes out?

There is always the chance that something better than the iPad comes out. We continue to re-evaluate new technologies as well as program policies. The iPad is designed to supplement computer technologies and is a tool to be used for teaching and learning.

Will all of my child's books be available electronically for the 2020-2021 school year?

A large majority of our books are available in electronic format. At this time, the 2020-21 master booklist is under review. Most course materials will be accessed via the iPad (iBooks, eBooks, website portals, etc.).

Do students buy the Apps for the iPad, or does the school?

Students will be expected to purchase Apps using their own Apple ID. Part of becoming a responsible user of technology is knowing how to care for the device, including downloading, installing, using, updating and uninstalling applications. Many of these Apps are free and feature in-App options for a fee, while others are available at minimal costs.

Upon graduation from Marist High School, students will be able to continue using whatever Apps they have purchased on whatever IOS device they have.

Are there any required Apps for the iPad?

Yes, at this time the following Apps are required for all classes:

Canvas Student, Skyward, Notability, QR Reader, Gmail and Google Chrome. The Online Orientation portion video will demonstrate the precise Apps to download. In addition, teachers may recommend other Apps for specific classes.

Can students buy games? What sort of management will the school put on the student iPads?

The iPad is a personal device and is owned by the student and their family. One of the 21st century skills that students need to learn is how to care for and maintain a mobile computing device of their own. Beyond network authorization and firewall content filtering, Marist High School will not use managing software on the iPads. Students have access to all of the Apps and eBooks in the Apple iTunes Store with their personal Apple ID. All of the Apps in the Apps Store have been vetted by Apple's quality control, assuring us of their safety and propriety. Any customization of the device must be in compliance with the Marist High School Responsible Use Policy.

What happens if my child downloads too many expensive Apps (unrelated to school work) without my permission? Can I get a refund?

All of Apple's App sales are final, so it is essential that you discuss this with your child. If your child is currently downloading songs or videos from iTunes, you have most likely had this discussion already. You may apply Apple iTunes gift cards for redemption on your account as well. Please see the Apple.com web site for more information.

Will Internet filtering be used to discourage students from accessing inappropriate sites?

While on the Marist High School wireless network, internet traffic is filtered to the best of our ability through our firewall and content filtering devices. Students will be expected to fully comply with our Responsible Use Policy (RUP). Further information regarding the RUP will be forthcoming. Parents are encouraged to carefully monitor their child's use of the iPad at home, as they would the use of any other Internet device; i.e. Smartphone, home computer or gaming system.

Is iPad training available?

Incoming freshman and transfer students will participate in a mandatory, summer iPad Orientation on how to set up their iPad on the Marist network and, obtain necessary school email and portal accounts. Basic skills for proper account record keeping, data backups, and class related App activities, as well as, digital citizenship principles are covered. The process to purchase e-books will also be reviewed. It is important to document all passwords. Detailed registration information is forthcoming. Prior to the on-campus orientation, students will be given direction through a summer mailing to complete an Online iPad Orientation from home.

How is physical damage or theft of a device covered?

When you purchase your iPad, we strongly urge you to purchase AppleCare+ which includes accidental damage. You must purchase AppleCare+ within 30 days of purchase of the iPad. AppleCare+ is an extended warranty (with a deductible) and does NOT ensure against loss or theft. To insure against loss, theft, water damage, etc., there are options to purchase these type of coverages through 3rd party insurance companies.

If your iPad experiences technical difficulties, contact Apple on-line at <https://support.apple.com/repair>. This site will walk you through a repair request and direct you to setting up a service "Genius Bar" appointment at your closest Apple Retail Store. If your iPad is still operable, be sure to perform a data backup before your Genius Bar appointment. Again,

we strongly encourage you to purchase AppleCare+ which includes two incidents of accidental damage coverage. For detailed service fees, visit: <https://support.apple.com/ipad/repair/service>.

Please be sure to have your child purchase locks for their school's PE and athletic lockers and stress with them the importance of locking their lockers at all times.

Are today's students overexposed to technology and social media?

We are aware of the dangers associated with overexposure to technology and social media. Our job as educators and parents is to make sure that students know those dangers as well, and to educate them to become smart, ethical users of their mobile and computing devices.

Teachers will help in this endeavor, but parents play an important role in this educational component. Teachers are trained to use the right tool at the right time. Sometimes it makes sense to use pen and paper or turn the pages of a book; whether those are paper or electronic pages. Sometimes it is important just to listen or to lead a group discussion. And sometimes, it is essential to use an iPad to find the best answers, synthesize information, and create something dynamic.

We also strive for a level playing field without digital haves and have-nots. Each student has the necessary digital tool to aid in their education and growth. Marist exposes students to a well-balanced education which encompasses proper manners, etiquette, debate skills, public speaking skills, digital literacy, collaboration and team building skills in all areas of our curriculum.

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