



IMPORTANT iPad INFORMATION

Dear New Middle School Prairie Parents,

I hope this letter finds you enjoying your summer! I would like to share with you some very important details regarding our student iPad program. As we begin the first year in a 2-year device cycle, there are a few things that you will need to attend to before picking up your child's iPad just before the school year begins:

iPad Loan Agreement & Student Expectations Form

In this mailing you will find the enclosed Loan Agreement/Student Expectations sheet. This very important document needs to be viewed by both parents and the student PRIOR to a student receiving an iPad. This SIGNED sheet will be the "admission ticket" that each student will need to bring with them when they pick up their iPad.

"Home Rules" Discussion

As you read through the student expectations portion of the document, we encourage you to use this as an opportunity to discuss what rules or limits your family will have when your child uses the device at home or outside of school. As is the case with any Internet-capable device, it is of utmost importance that your child understands clear boundaries as to its use. Taking the time to have this discussion *before* the device is in your home will help best establish a clear understanding of your expectations.

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 8:

There are two different digital accounts that are very important for students when it comes to the use of iPads: A Google Apps for Education account, and an Apple ID. Both of these school accounts will be created for each new student by the Technology Staff prior to the iPad pickup day, and their iPads set up using these accounts. In addition to receiving their iPads, new students will also receive their login credentials for these two accounts. Once a new student and their parent read, discuss, and sign off upon the Agreement & Expectations Form, they will not need to do anything else prior to the iPad pickup day.

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 6 OR 7:

As students in these grades typically are under 13, an additional step will need to be taken by families to be in accordance with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA). On **Monday, July 18th** the Technology Staff will initiate a request sent by Apple via email to parents requesting them to create an Apple ID on behalf of the student under the age of 13. We ask that you:

- 1) Create and verify the Apple ID as per the directions from Apple, and
- 2) Email me the password you used for the account ASAP so that we may set up their iPad prior to Pickup Day. You may email me directly at the address below.

NOTE: STUDENTS WITHOUT A PROPER APPLE ID SET UP WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE AN IPAD SET UP FOR THEM UNTIL THEY HAVE DONE SO.

iPAD PICKUP DAY:

Monday, August 22nd 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Pickup Day details:

- We expect to see all new students entering grades 6-8 in the Dining Room this day to pick up your equipment.
- ALL STUDENTS must bring their signed Student Expectations sheet with them when they come in for their iPad.
- We ask that you enter ONLY at Door #5, as the remainder of the school will be closed for maintenance work. Door #5 is located in the glass walkway just east of the Primary School office entrance.
- REMEMBER, all 6th and 7th grade families must email me their Apple ID passwords to ensure iPad setup.
- This session will include some account setup and technical instruction to ensure they are ready for school on the first day of classes. Students will receive more detailed information regarding their specific apps and digital resources with each of their classroom teachers once school begins.

I warmly welcome you to Prairie, and am eager to meet all of you. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions about the process set forth above.

Sincerely,



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