



iPAD PROGRAM FAQs

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Class of 2028 and 2029: Saint Ignatius College Prep will supply you with an iPad. Click this link for details: [Managed iPad Program](#).

Classes of 2025, 2026 and 2027: You will need to purchase an iPad and accessories. Please see the information below for details.

1. **Will the school provide the iPad?**

No. Families must purchase an iPad for each of their Saint Ignatius students. Families can purchase the iPad from their vendor of choice. iPads are not available for purchase through Saint Ignatius College Prep.

2. **My student already has an iPad. Can she/he bring that one or does she/he need to purchase a new one?**

Your student may use that device provided it meets the recommended specifications and your student has access to this device on a daily basis. Each student should have a dedicated iPad for her/his use.

3. **Must my student use the iPad in school?**

Yes, every student will need to bring an iPad to school. Much of the content for your student's courses will be delivered digitally. Your student will need their iPad to access this content (textbooks, websites, apps, etc.).

4. **What are the specifications for the iPad?**

Recommended Specifications and Considerations:

- The iPad must be capable of running the current operating system, iOS 18 and up.
- Wi-Fi only (*Students may have a Wi-Fi + Cellular model, but MUST be connected to the school network when using the device on campus and should NOT be using their cellular service.*)
- Appropriate storage for school and personal materials (A minimum of 256 GB is required for academic purposes.)
- Appropriate protective case
- Apple Care Plus and Warranty

All students must have an Apple iPad. No other tablets will be allowed. Some helpful links for selecting the proper iPad are listed below:

[iPad models currently available from Apple](#)

[iPads which support iOS 18 and up](#)

[How to determine the version of a previously used iPad](#)

5. **How much storage space is recommended on the iPad?**

With regard to storage capacity, you should consider potential course materials and personal items your student may be storing on the iPad. An average digital textbook can take up 1-2 GB of storage. Photos, videos, apps and iOS software updates also consume considerable space. An iPad with a minimum of 256 GB of storage is recommended.

6. **Are any iPad accessories required?**

A protective case should be purchased for your iPad as it is a fragile device and can break easily when dropped. A case which protects the corners of the device, as they can be easily damaged, is recommended. The use of keyboard is required. An Apple Pencil is optional but can be helpful to students and should be evaluated based on student preferences. Students can choose from a variety of options for their keyboard case. With regard to Apple Pencils, there are two different types available. To see which type works with your iPad, click here:

<https://www.apple.com/apple-pencil/>

7. **Does my student need a calculator in addition to the iPad?**

Non-graphing calculators are required for standardized testing. For daily class activities, students are free to use a calculator app or a non-graphing calculator based on their preference.

8. **What happens if the iPad is damaged, lost or stolen?**

When you purchase your iPad, a warranty, such as Apple Care+, is strongly recommended so that your device can be repaired in the event that it is damaged. AppleCare+ must be purchased within 60 days of your iPad purchase. AppleCare+ is coverage for accidental damage to your student's iPad. It is a two year extended warranty and does not insure against loss or theft. You should consult with your insurance carrier regarding coverage in the event of theft.

For current information on Apple Care+ for the iPad, click here:

<https://www.apple.com/support/products/ipad/>

9. Will my student's books be available in digital formats?

Our instructors and staff review our textbooks on a regular basis and work with publishers to make sure that the best digital offerings are in place for our students. We have seen a reduction in price with the move from traditional textbooks to the digital format and we expect that families will benefit from further reductions in years to come.

Most textbooks used at Saint Ignatius are available in digital format. Students will have an option to purchase a print version of a mass market book (*non-textbook*) that is also available in Kindle or iBook format, provided it is the same edition as the digital option listed on the book list. The Booklist for 2024-2025 will indicate if a print copy is an option for that particular class. Aside from what will be published in the book list, additional titles for both print and digital formats for English courses will be provided to students in class.

10. When will I learn what books and apps to purchase and how to purchase them?

The 2024-2025 booklist will be posted in the Blackbaud system and on the [school website](#) this summer. It will contain detailed information about which digital textbooks, apps, and other types of digital content students will need. Instructions on where and how you can acquire the content will be included. Any questions about textbooks can be emailed to library@ignatius.org.

11. Does the school install any management software on student iPads?

In conjunction with our Grad-at-Grad profile and 21st Century skillset, students are expected to be responsible digital citizens and make good decisions when using technology both on and off campus. Saint Ignatius College Prep requires students to connect their iPads to the school's network for access to Internet and other resources.

Student Internet access on campus is filtered and monitored. The school does not, however, currently employ additional management tools to control iPad activity on campus. Students should use their devices responsibly and adhere to the school's [Technology Responsible Use Policy](#) which appears in the Parent and Student Handbook. Students should also adhere to their individual teacher's classroom policies which will be posted on each of their teacher's classroom web pages. These policies can include the use of accountability tools such as Apple Classroom.

Parents are encouraged to have ongoing conversations with their students about appropriate use of technology both on and off campus. Parents can implement additional policies to monitor student iPad usage if they so choose. Parents can seek assistance from Apple for implementing Parental Controls on the iPad if necessary. The link below describes the Parental Control features of the iPad. Parents can seek additional assistance by visiting an Apple Store.

<https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201304>

12. Are there any discounts for the iPads?

Apple is offering slight discounts to students on new iPads. Depending on the device, this is typically a \$20 - \$30 discount. Orders can be placed online and delivered to your home or nearby Apple Store. Visit this link for details:

<https://www.apple.com/us-edu/store>

Families should also check with their local or online retailer for any educational and other discounts that they may be eligible for.

13. Are there any provisions for families who are part of the Tuition Assistance Program?

If your student receives tuition assistance, the tuition assistance office will have information about available options.

14. What if I have additional questions not covered in this list?

Any additional questions can be e-mailed to iPad@ignatius.org.