



digital innovation

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Why does the school district feel students need to use an iPad at school?**

We believe that the use of the iPad will provide students with the skills they need to support their learning and to prepare students with the tools they need to be college and career ready in today's workforce. We understand that this initiative is not about a specific device, but rather, about what the device will enable our students to accomplish.

### **Who will be receiving iPads during the 2014-2015 school year?**

#### **Kindergarten – Grade 2**

Each school will receive one iPad cart for every 100 students in kindergarten through grade 2. These iPads will be used only in the school setting. Parents of children in these grades need not pay the \$29 required Annual Protection Plan nor attend the parent orientation sessions.

#### **Grade 3 – Grade 8**

Students in grades 3 – 8 will be issued a district owned iPad Mini within the first couple of weeks of school. Students will have access to these devices 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

#### **Grade 9 – Grade 12**

Students in grades 9 – 12 will be issued a district owned iPad Air within the first couple of days of school. Students will have access to these devices 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### **What are my responsibilities as a parent of a student in Grade 3 – Grade 12?**

Each school will have orientation sessions that parents must attend in order to learn the full details about the Digital Innovation Initiative. Dates and times will be published on your school website and on the district website. Parents/guardians must attend the orientation, sign the *Use of Technology Resources and Internet Acceptable Use Policy*, *Parent and Student Agreement for the a1 Digital Innovation Initiative*, the *School District Paid Protection Plan*, and the *Parent/Guardian Email/Application Consent Form* documents, and pay the \$29 fee for the Paid Protection Plan before the school can issue a district owned iPad to the student.

**If I have children enrolled in multiple schools, must I attend an orientation session at each location?**

No. You may attend one session and complete all necessary paperwork for each of your children.

**My child already has a personal iPad. Can he/she just use that instead of using a district iPad?**

All students will need to use the district owned device that will be configured to meet the school needs and standards.

**Do I have to have wireless access at home?**

While helpful, it is not necessary for you to have internet access at home. Information that will be needed for homework can be downloaded to the iPad before the students leave school so that they will still be able to access the information from home.

**Does my child have to use the iPad?**

Educational resources and content will be delivered via the iPad. This makes the device a necessity for your child's education. The Digital Innovation Initiative brings individual learning to your child and provides the opportunity for students to have information at their fingertips.

**Will my child use the iPad in every class?**

Teachers from all subjects and grade levels have been participating in on-going training on how to best incorporate the iPad into the classroom setting to maximize the benefits for all students. They will continue to participate in professional development throughout the summer and into the next school year. This training is allowing the teachers to learn the best ways for them to incorporate the iPad into their lessons to enhance your student's educational experience and to provide opportunities to meet your student's individual needs.

**How are you going to teach children ethical use of these devices?**

Digital citizenship is a concept that helps students understand how to use technology appropriately in a society filled with technology. Students will participate in digital citizenship lessons with their teachers. Anderson One expects students to use technology appropriately and responsibly, whether in electronic communication or participation. We have electronic precautions in place in order for students to participate safely and securely in this environment and enjoy the rights of a digital world in an educational setting.

We strongly encourage parents to be involved in this learning opportunity for your children. It will be important for you to be proactive in your expectations of how the devices are used at home. Monitor what your child is doing on the device and have discussions with them about the appropriateness and inappropriateness of certain online activities. Parent Support Sessions will be provided through the year.

## **May I add or remove apps on my child's iPad?**

Applications originally installed by Anderson One on each district owned iPad must remain on the district owned iPad in usable condition and readily accessible at all times. The school may also add other applications periodically. Some licenses for applications require that the application be deleted from the district owned iPad at the completion of a course. If this applies to an application students use, a technology staff member will re-sync the devices for students in that course. Students will be permitted to load additional applications on their district owned iPads as long as they do so in accordance with the district's *Use of Technology and Internet Acceptable Use Policy*. School administrators may randomly select students and ask them to provide their district owned iPad for inspection.

## **How can I ensure that my child does not download inappropriate apps to the iPad?**

The best way is to schedule regular times to review what is on your child's iPad. Anderson One encourages parents to spend time with their child to review what is being done on the iPad.

Parents should also talk to their children about the values and standards they expect their children to follow as they use the Internet and about their use of all other media information sources such as television, telephone, movies, radio, etc.

We provide the following Parent/Guardian Monitoring Suggestions:

- Investigate and apply parental controls available through your home based internet service provider and/or your wireless router.
- Develop a set of rules/expectations for device use at home. Some websites provide parent/child agreements for you to sign.
- Only allow device use in common rooms of the home (e.g. living room or kitchen) and not in bedrooms.
- Demonstrate a genuine interest in what your student is doing on the device. Ask questions and request that he/she shows you his/her work often.

While the iPads are for the students, we want to encourage parents to be involved in this learning opportunity for your children. Helping your child understand what it is they are receiving and how it should be used will help empower them to be responsible young people. For some, this will be their first experience with an iPad and the internet. Sharing that experience with your child and helping them to make positive choices as they navigate the web will enrich their experience and show them what a wonderful and powerful new learning tool they will have at their disposal.

## **What does the Paid Protection Plan cover?**

The \$29 annual Paid Protection Plan covers iPad repairs or replacements in the event of theft, accidental damage, or maintenance. Parts and repair service for any system related issues or failures resulting from normal use will be covered under the Paid Protection Plan. The plan also covers accidentally broken screens and device replacement in the event of either an accident resulting in the

total loss or destruction of a device or the theft of a device. Should there be a need for additional device replacements due to theft or accidental damage, there will be a deductible of \$50 for the second replacement and a deductible of \$100 for the third and any future replacements.

### **Do I have to purchase the Paid Protection Plan for each of my children?**

Yes. The Paid Protection Plan covers an individual device. You will need to purchase an individual plan for each child in grades 3 – 12.

### **What if I am unable to pay for the Paid Protection Plan?**

If you are unable to pay for this protection plan in full, you may work out a payment plan with the school front office.

### **Why does my child need email?**

Anderson One will provide users with an email account for the purpose of school-related communication. Availability and use of email will be restricted.

### **What do students use as an Apple id? What if they already have one?**

Students will use their district provided email address for their Apple id. They will not be able to use any existing Apple id on their district owned iPad. This will ensure that the Student Management system provided by the district is operating correctly on each device.

### **Who owns the iPad? Is it my child's to keep?**

Legal title of the iPad is with the district and shall remain with the district. The right of possession and use is limited to and conditioned on full and complete compliance with the *Parent and Student Agreement for the a1 Digital Innovation Initiative*. The student is responsible at all times for the appropriate care and use of the mobile computing device.

Students transferring out of or leaving Anderson School District One during the school year must return the district owned iPad (including power cords, cases and any other district or school issued accessories) before leaving the school. If a student returns his/her district owned iPad damaged, costs for replacement or repairs are the student's responsibility if not covered by the Paid Protection Plan. The district will charge the student the cost of needed repairs, not to exceed the replacement cost of the district owned iPad.

### **Will students keep the devices during breaks?**

Students will keep their devices during the short breaks throughout the school year. The device will be returned to the appropriate personnel at the school level before the beginning of the summer break.

### **What happens if the iPad gets stolen?**

Stolen iPads must be reported to the school officials and the School Resource Officer within 48 hours. A police report must be filed with the School Resource Officer.

**What if my child forgets to bring his/her iPad to school?**

Students who leave their district owned iPad at home are still responsible for completing their daily course work. Repeated offenses may result in disciplinary action.

**What are the expectations for student use of the iPads?**

District owned iPads are intended for use at school each day. Students are responsible for bringing their district owned iPad to all classes, unless specifically instructed otherwise by the teacher. In addition to a teacher's expectations, students may access school messages, announcements, calendar and schedules using their district owned iPad.