

**Clarinda Community School District
Technology Frequently Asked Questions**

Vision

“Every student K-12 will have access to a device during the school day to enhance learning and differentiated instruction.”

Goal

“To allow students to think critically, collaborate, communicate, and create.”

1. How and when will iPads be distributed?

High School - All parents and students will be required to sign documents during Back to School night, and students will receive their iPads.

Middle School - 5th graders are required to attend 5th Grade Orientation with a parent, where they will sign the required documents and receive their iPads. All other Middle School parents and students will be required to sign documents during Back to School night, and students will receive their iPads.

Garfield Elementary - All 1st through 4th graders will have an iPad assigned to them for their use at school, under the supervision of their teachers. 1st through 4th graders will also have a Google G-Suite account, only to be used during school hours. Preschool, junior kindergarten and kindergarten students will have iPads in their classrooms for use in class.

New Students - All new students and parents are required to watch a video and sign documents before receiving an iPad. Please contact your school office to schedule a time to do so.

2. Will students take their devices home with them?

Yes, middle school and high school students may take their personal learning device home to be used for educational purposes.

3. How are students and staff being trained for this 1-to-1 rollout?

Training, support, and professional development are essential to the effective integration of technology in instruction and learning. The district has a five year plan that commits the necessary resources to support training and professional development.

4. Will there be ongoing education for parents?

Yes, the district recognizes its role in supporting and educating our parents as we make the “digital learning” transition and will provide ongoing opportunities for learning and exploration.

5. Will the school provide a case and/or accessories for the device?

Yes, all personal learning devices will have a case to protect and minimize damage. Devices are expected to be kept in their cases at all times. In addition, a cord and charger will be supplied by the district. Students will be responsible for replacing lost or damaged cases, cords, and chargers and shall purchase them from the district. Replacement cords and chargers are \$20 each and cases are \$35.

6. How and where should devices be stored/cared for at home?

A general rule is to store the device in a location that can be observed, dry, and out of direct sunlight. Standard care should be taken at all times, and we encourage students to not drop their device and keep it out of extreme heat and cold conditions.

Students are responsible for charging their device each evening so it is ready for use the next day.

7. What is my family's responsibility for lost or broken learning devices in school, out of school, or both?

Families are responsible for the cost to replace lost or broken learning devices that are determined to be a result of negligence, either in or out of school, for each occurrence. Families shall be responsible for the cost to replace a lost device (a device shall be determined to be lost when it is not returned within five days). If a device is accidentally damaged a second time by the same student, the family shall be responsible for the cost to repair or replace the device. Devices that are damaged due to negligence shall be repaired or replaced and the family will be charged for the damages or replacement, up to \$300.

The cost to replace a device is \$300.

8. Is there an insurance plan for devices bought by families and/or for devices loaned to families by schools or districts?

No, the district does not offer an insurance plan. Learning devices that have been determined to be damaged by accident will be replaced or repaired by the district once per student per year.

9. Is there an acceptable use policy (AUP)? Where can I find it?

Yes, policy 605.6 Internet Appropriate use will serve as a guide when addressing issues as a result of using the district's internet and network. All district policies can be found at the district website by clicking on District and Board Policies.

10. What are the school's disciplinary consequences for inappropriate use?

The district will assess violations for inappropriate use on a case by case basis and administer consequences accordingly. Consequences may lead to detention, in school suspension, out of school suspension, or expulsion.

11. How do any disciplinary consequences extend beyond the school day and off-campus?

The district supports digital citizenship and encourages parents to monitor their child's use of the personal learning device beyond the school day. If it is determined that the educational environment has been disturbed or violated, the district will take necessary action to address and administer appropriate consequences.

12. How will schoolwork be affected if my child loses the privilege to use the device?

It is unlikely the personal learning device will be taken away as it is critical to the digital learning environment. However, the district will place restrictions that will limit a student's ability to navigate outside of educational purpose. The district reserves the right to remove a device if deemed necessary.

13. What is my family's responsibility in monitoring what my child does on the device at home?

The district supports a model that emphasizes digital citizenship in all environments. Families are responsible for supervising and monitoring their child's use of the personal learning device outside of school and on any network other than Clarinda Community School District's.

14. Is the school using a content filter for Internet browsing?

Yes, the district has a content filter for internet browsing. The filter monitors browsing while on the district network.

15. Will the device need to be connected to the Internet to complete homework assignments?

No, in most cases, students will be able to download assignments and homework prior to leaving school.

16. Can my child and I configure or personalize the device in any way?

No, the district pre-configures the personal learning devices so they can be consistently serviced and monitored.

17. Can we purchase or install apps ourselves on the device?

No, the district installs the necessary education apps on all personal learning devices. This is necessary to maintain consistency with educational applications and learning.

18. Will students have email or other accounts?

Yes, students will be issued a school email account and other accounts that serve an educational purpose. The district has the right to review accounts without notice.

19. How can I access or view my child's digital work?

We encourage our parents to closely monitor their child's work. Parents can access their child's work and digital work through Schoology.

The district is in the process of implementing Schoology, a valuable tool for students, parents, and staff to report, monitor, assess, and organize our digital learning environment.

20. What kind of tech support will we have outside of school hours?

The district does not provide tech support outside of school hours. Students are encouraged to visit the technology office prior to the start of school for support.

21. How can I help support the school with this 1-to-1 program?

Parents have a significant role in the success of the 1:1 program. Speaking positively and supporting the 1:1 initiative sends a strong message. We recognize there will be issues and concerns that we will have to address and seek your flexibility, patience, and support.

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