

Coon Rapids-Bayard Community School District
Student 1:1 Initiative
Frequently Asked Questions

Is participation mandatory? Does my student have to have an iPad?

Yes. The iPad is a required tool for learning during the school day and teachers will be utilizing the technology during the school year. We want all students to have the same equipment and the same opportunity to succeed in the classroom. If families do not wish to allow their student to take the iPad home, the student will need to leave their iPad with their advisor at the end of the day and pick it up each morning before school begins.

Can students use their own personal iPad (or any computer) at school instead of the school-issued one?

No. While at school, everyone will need to use the school-issued iPad. This will have the settings, access to the server, and programs needed by the student while at school. This policy also helps protect the school's servers and networks from viruses and other network issues.

Why did the school choose Apple iPads?

Apple has a long-standing tradition of partnering with public education and designing programs that are targeted for the classroom. Apple also provides relevant staff training and hardware support. The iPad Pro offers a durable design and provides students with the functionality necessary to enhance their learning.

How will the school know what the students do on the iPads?

Casper Remote Control can be used to watch, block, send messages, at any time the students are on the local network. Students can and will randomly be monitored throughout the school day. Refer to the Computer Use Agreement. The policies and procedures outlined in those documents will be enforced.

Will the students have an email account?

Students have been assigned a Google account that gives them access to wide variety of Google Applications; Gmail being just one.

How will the school keep students safe on the Internet?

We will ensure that Internet access is filtered at school and at home. However, it is the parent's responsibility to help ensure safety at home. The school administration will use *Casper Remote Control* to monitor the students' computer activity and gives the school the ability to take appropriate action when necessary. This includes blocking websites, relaying messages to students, and even shutting down the laptop.

Who will monitor my student's Internet access at home?

Parents will need to be involved with their student's use of the Internet and monitor the use of the Internet at home. However, we will have a web filtering app installed to monitor traffic while they are away from our network. No filter is perfect or can block 100% of unwanted traffic on the internet. It is up to you to set guidelines and monitor your child while online.

Do we have to have Internet access at home?

No. Students will be able to complete homework assignments at home and turn in their work when they return to school the next day. The iPad Pro is equipped with a robust set of applications that do not require Internet access.

If we already have an Internet provider at home, will my student be able to use our service with the school's laptop?

Yes. Your student will be able to switch from the school's Internet access to your Internet provider. If software provided by your Internet provider needs to be installed, we will assist with that.

If my student's iPad breaks, who will determine if the problem is a manufacturing defect or if it is negligence on the part of the student?

The District's Director Technology, Michael Lewis, will examine the machine and interview the student to first determine what occurred with the machine. Then, if needed, the school will work with Apple to identify if the problem is covered under the warranty or was caused due to intentional damage or malicious mischief.

What happens if someone else intentionally damages my student's iPad?

This would be vandalism. If it happens at school and can be proven, a police report will be filed. The student who vandalized the iPad would pay the full cost to replace or repair the damage. If it happened at school, disciplinary action will be taken. If the student who vandalizes the iPad refuses or fails to pay restitution for the damage, the case will be turned over to the County Attorney. If it happens outside of school it needs to be reported to the school and/or police as soon as possible.

What if we suspect and/or notice abuse or misuse?

Abuse should be physically obvious; misuse will have to be verified with inspection of the iPad or *Casper Remote Control*. Don't hesitate to contact the Technology Director or Secondary Principal about these issues. The length of severity of the punishment will be dependent on the situation. The District's Appropriate Use Policy (AUP) will be followed and repetitive offenses dealt with accordingly.

What if my iPad is stolen?

A police report must be filed by the student and their family within 24 hours of the theft.

Can the students take their iPad out of town on school/personal trips?

Being able to learn while traveling or outside of the school building is a prime goal. Remember that along with this privilege is a great responsibility. Students must responsibly protect and take care of their iPad even when a teacher is not present.

What if the student forgets their iPad at home?

Students must bring all the necessary tools with them to school each day. This is not an excuse to not participate in class; however, a loaner iPad can be provided if necessary. Multiple infractions of forgetting the iPad at home may result in disciplinary action, requiring the student to check their iPad in and out with their advisor each day; or their parent/guardian coming to school to pick it up.

Can everyone in my family use my iPad?

Yes. The iPad is being provided to further education and opportunities. Therefore, use by other family members is allowable for these purposes, but students are ultimately responsible for their iPad, just like any school-issued item.

Can students swap power cords?

No. Students need to be responsible for their own equipment. At the end of the year, students will be responsible for returning the same iPad and power cord that was checked out to them.

Can the students carry their iPad in their own case or backpack?

No. Students must carry their iPad in the school-issued case only. This is the only way the District can ensure adequate protection.

Can the students change the outward appearance of their iPad?

No

Where does a student go for technical support?

The Director of Technology, Michael Lewis
Technology Integrationist, Anne Pudenz

How will the students back up their iPads?

Students are encouraged to use Google Drive as their primary source of digital storage and should be used to backup any necessary data. Any important material should be saved to this location. You also can back it up by connecting it to iTunes on a desktop computer.

Can my student arrive early or stay late at school to do research, etc.?

The school's library opens at 7:40 a.m. and closes at 4:00 p.m. each school day. However, the building is often open earlier and closes much later due to the multiple activities occurring at the school; students can access the school's Internet by simply working in the high school commons while the school is open.

How much do I have to pay for my iPad?

Students were assessed a \$25 technology fee, or \$40/family, at the beginning of the school year. Students and families will not be charged an additional fee when provided with their iPad in January. The District reserves the right to charge for intentional or malicious damage or theft, but it does not anticipate any student being financially burdened by any costs associated with this initiative.

If my student is a senior, can he purchase the iPad at the end of the year?

No. The iPads are leased by the school and Senior machines will be reissued to next year's 6th Graders.

Where does the money come from for the iPads?

The cost of the iPads has been financed through a monetary gift from Tim Lee. Other technology in the district has been financed through our PPEL/SILO budgets, which are made up of local tax levy and the statewide sales tax funds.

Can the student listen to music if finished with all work?

This is a decision left up to the individual teacher. Headphones must be used at all times. Students must provide their own headphones. Profanity, explicit lyrics, and/or any derogatory language on the school-issued iPads could be cause for disciplinary action.

Will the student use traditional textbooks?

Many classes will still use traditional textbooks. The iPad is an instructional tool to allow the student to have greater access to learning resources.

Who is responsible for making sure that our 1:1 program is a success and that the goals and initiatives are the focus of the iPad usage?

We must all keep in mind that the iPad is not a recreational toy. From 8:00 in the morning until 3:40 in the afternoon, the iPad is to be used exclusively to enhance and complement learning and achievement. We are all in this together. It is up to each and every one of us to help the students succeed with this great instructional tool and learning opportunity that they have been given.