

# Western School Corporation

## iPad 1:1 FAQ

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1. What are the technology devices that will be given?
  - All K-2 students will receive a 16 GB iPad Mini, case, USB power cord and power charger.
  - All 3-12 students will receive a 16 GB iPad Gen 4, case, USB power cord and power charger
  - All students will be issued the charger/cord to keep for the duration of the rental of the iPad. If a student loses or damages a charger/cord during this time, he/she may purchase a new charger/cord if needed. Ear buds/headphones are not included and will need to be provided by the student/parent/guardian.
  
2. What led Western to a 1:1 Technology Initiative and what research helped with the decision?
  - We began discussing the benefits during our 2010 Science and Mathematics Textbook Adoption
  - Board Members and staff attended various Indiana School Board Association Conferences and other conferences
  - Board Retreat – November 19, 2011
    - Discussion on 1:1 Computing
  - September 24-25, 2012 Indiana School Boards Association Fall Conference
    - In Their Hands 2 – presentation by Eastern
    - Harnessing the Perfect Storm – David Warlick
  - Board Retreat - October 18, 2012
    - Technology Planning – Reviewed 2011 goals
    - Superintendent – Student Learning Objective Goal for 2012-2013
      - Technology Goal – Analyze our current structure and available resources to determine technology integration into the classroom for the 2013-2014 school year.
  - Technology leaders attended Hoosier Educational Computer Coordinators (HECC) conference in the fall of 2012
  - Staff and administrators attended three 1:1 schools to learn and observe how those schools use iPads in the classroom and throughout their educational environment.
    - Bluffton (2)
    - Danville
    - Eastern

- IAPSS 1:1 Computing Winter Conference
  - IASBO Technology Seminar
  - A small group of administrators visited Apple's Chicago office for a technical and curriculum demonstration.
3. Why a 1:1 Technology Initiative?
- To increase student engagement in learning
  - Creates a limitless educational delivery system
  - Provides students with learning tools they will use after graduation
  - Provides teachers with additional instructional resources
  - Gives students immediate access to the internet
  - Gives students the freedom to drive their own learning
4. Why did we decide on using the Apple iPad as the 1:1 device of choice for students and the teachers?
- After attending different schools and conferences, we have found that Apple appeared to be the leader on the education side of the device.
  - Apps and websites have been designed around the iPad to allow for intuitive use.
  - Battery life was another huge decision point. iPad batteries can last 10 plus hours of continuous use.
  - Teachers will have the ability to display items on their projectors from their iPads for use around the classroom instead of just the front of the room.
5. Will students take iPads home?
- Yes. Each student will be assigned an iPad and will be able to take the device home. We want the students to be able to continue learning while away from the classroom.
  - The devices will also be filtered by the school with our existing web filter to allow students the ability to connect them to non-school wireless networks and continue to be filtered.
  - Students will be required to bring the devices back to school daily, fully charged and ready for the day
6. Will students be given a case?
- Yes. We did extensive research on different cases and their protective nature.
  - Students are NOT allowed to use a case of their own.
  - The name of the case is "Survivor" by Griffin for the iPad **Gen 4**
7. When will students get their iPads
- Beginning with the start of school in August 2014 each student will be required to attend an etiquette and responsibility class. Once the student shows responsibility for their device they will be distributed.
  - The approximate timeframe for distribution will be within the first two weeks of school.

8. iPad peripherals i.e. Bluetooth keyboard and computer access
- Western School Corporation will NOT provide students with a keyboard. While attending other 1:1 deployments, it was determined that student use of keyboard devices was extremely low. PC labs will continue to be provided for typing projects and papers as needed.

9. Will there be fees for iPads?

The cost of this 1:1 Technology Initiative will be shared from several sources, one being Textbook Fees. Our principals have worked to reduce our current Textbook/Supply Fees so that the impact of the rental fee for the iPad will be minimal. The reductions are the result of eliminating the Student Handbook/Agenda Book and making it available on-line, eliminating the current technology fee, reducing current supply fees by planning more through the iPads, and eliminating certain textbook fees. While the rental for the iPad Mini will be \$50 and the iPad 4 will be \$75, the approximate increases over our current 2012-2013 textbook and supply fees will be the following and may be reduced further as we move forward and incorporate more digital resources. Please keep in mind there are some Textbook Fees that cannot be removed or reduced per grade level which is why there are differences in the increase.

10. Will the iPad belong to the student?

- NO. The iPads are the property of Western School Corporation. Students are renting the iPads just as the student rents the textbooks that he/she is issued.

11. How long will the students keep their iPads.

- Each student will keep their iPad for the duration of four years with the exception of the following. Students entering kindergarten will be getting the iPad Minis from students leaving 2nd grade going to 3rd grade. Students going into 3rd grade will get the iPad of a graduating senior.

12. Will students be able to take the devices home over the summer?

- NO. Limiting summer use will help to ensure that the batteries last the full four years of the lease.
- This will also allow for us to update and or clean the devices.
- Students attending summer school will have access to a device as needed.

13. What happens if an iPad stops working?

- Students will be provided a loaner iPad provided they did not intentionally damage the device.
- Once their iPad has been repaired the original iPad will returned to the student.

14. What is the battery life for the iPad?

- The iPad has a 10 hour battery. The battery is designed to stay at full charge for at least

1,000 charging cycles (that typically takes 4-5 years). After that it will drop to 80% of its capacity (will be an 8 hour battery instead of 10).

15. Will insurance be provided or is there a warranty?

- We will not be signing up for “insurance” this school year. We will be repairing any damaged iPads through a repair facility.

16. What will happen to an iPad that is damaged?

- An iPad that is damaged will be charged a (\$100.00) fee unless the iPad is destroyed, lost or stolen, at that time the full replacement cost of the iPad and case will be charged.
- The iPad iOS and school profiles are not to be tampered with. Doing so is destruction of school property and will be dealt with in a serious manner.

17. What happens if the iPad is lost or stolen?

- If an iPad is lost or stolen at school the student must immediately notify a teacher or administrator. iPads that are lost or stolen are the full responsibility of the student/parent and must be replaced. The iPad then becomes property of Western School Corp.

18. Safety/ Care of iPad

- The iPad is to be transported in the case that has been provided to the students.
- The iPad is NOT at any time to be removed from the case
- The screen can be wiped with a lint free cloth.
- DO NOT USE LIQUID CLEANERS ON THE DISPLAY!

19. Are students allowed to use their iPad for personal use?

- No student will have access to the Apple App store beginning with the 2014-15 school year.
- Students will be able to get educational related apps from our App Portal located on the device.

20. What if there is no internet at home?

- Teachers are aware that not all students have Internet access at home and will provide accommodations and will provide ways for students to download work to be accessed without internet.
- There are many places including all instructional buildings at Western School Corporation that have free WiFi internet access.

21. Will students be protected while on the internet away from school?

- Yes, our content filter will be configured in a way to reach to those students who have home internet and students will be filtered as though they are using Western School Corporation internet access.

22. What happens if a student leaves Western School Corporation during the school year?
- Students will be required to return their assigned iPad along with the case, power adapter, and cord. If the iPad is found to be in good working order only showing normal wear and tear, nothing else will be needed from the student. Depending on when the student leaves, they may be eligible for a refund of the textbook rental fee minus any costs for damage. Any iPad not returned to Western School Corporation upon leaving will be considered theft and reported to area law enforcement.