

# St. Anthony High School *Bring Your Own iPad* Plan



## Purpose

St. Anthony High School believes that providing students with an environment that fosters 21<sup>st</sup> century instruction and learning is part of its core values. All faculty members hold the responsibility to prepare our students for future careers, some of which currently may not exist.

Every student can be successful when he or she is provided high expectation and sufficient support. Students at St. Anthony are held to higher standards for success. All teachers and staff will be supported by utilizing sufficient resources and on-going professional development designed to broaden skills and ultimately impact learning of St. Anthony students.

## Overview of Organization

St. Anthony High School is a Catholic, co-educational school that provides a learning environment steeped in tradition and committed to excellence in education. Founded by St. Anthony's parish and run by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, St. Anthony offers a comprehensive curriculum where students are encouraged to discover and develop their individual talents and potential. The strength of the St. Anthony school community is faith - a faith nurtured by one another through daily Christian interaction.

## Mission Statement

Pressing on to the goal of service to the Lord by stretching our intellect, confirming our values, and living our faith.

## 1:1 Defined

1:1 learning provides each student with a device throughout the school day and is portable and capable of providing educational materials.

## Guiding Principles

- Provide the best learning environment possible at St. Anthony.
- Prepare our students for future phases of the educational process.
- Provide professional development training to ensure proficiency among St. Anthony teachers.
- Ensure that the use of technology is an integral part of learning at St. Anthony.
- Assess the technology plan on at least an annual basis.

## Device of Choice & Why?

After extensive research, St. Anthony High Schools has chosen to utilize Apple iPads for the following reasons:

- Cost Effectiveness.
- Battery Life (iPads can easily last ten hours on a charge).
- Longevity of use.
- Accessibility to educational apps.
- Notes can be kept in one spot, commented on and available anywhere.
- The instant startup of the iPad means greater use of class time for learning.
- The iPad is seen to be an intuitive device and minimal technical support is required.
- Dedication to education by Apple.

- The iPad has proven to be reliable and durable.
- Portability & Flexibility

## Potential Weaknesses of the iPad

Based on research conducted, we have found these could be the anticipated shortcomings of the use of the iPad in the educational setting:

- The virtual keyboard could be problematic if composing anything beyond short notes.
- The nonexistent file system makes finding important documents more difficult and sharing across applications nearly impossible.
- It's impossible to predict what the best device will be in the future.
- The ever-changing world of technological advances and the ability to meet these changes. Our goal is to stay as current as possible on emerging technologies while focusing on "needs" and not "wants" with a continual assessment of how to improve student performance.
- Students have different learning styles and different preferences for device of choice.

These shortcomings will be taken into consideration as we implement the use of the iPads at SAHS.

## Curriculum & Textbooks

One of the goals of the use of the iPads is to reduce, over time, the use of physical text books at SAHS. Students will have access to their texts anytime, anywhere. No more "I left my textbook in my locker." In addition, we will still get the best textbook. We will not simply pick books because they are an ebook.

## Professional Development

On-going professional development to ensure that teachers are prepared and able to successfully incorporate 1:1 learning in the classroom will take place.

## Policy and Procedures

When a student brings his or her own technology to the SAHS campus, it is mandatory that the device use the SAHS wireless network. By logging into the SAHS wireless network, students are accepting the terms of the SAHS and Diocesan Student Acceptable Use and Social Media Policies. When logging into the SAHS wireless network, students will have filtered Internet access just as they would on a SAHS owned technology device.

St. Anthony High School maintains its right to protect its network and technical resources. While SAHS uses filtering technology and protection measures to restrict access to inappropriate material, it is not 100% possible to prevent such access. It is each student's responsibility to follow the standards for responsible use. Access to the SAHS network is a privilege and administrators and faculty may review files, messages, and other network use to maintain system integrity and ensure responsible use by all users. Administrators reserve the right to deny network access to anyone. **Because technology is constantly changing, SAHS reserves the right to make additions and changes to the acceptable use policy during the school year.**

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**St. Anthony High School – iPad Agreement**  
**Student User and Acceptable Use Policy**

**Policy:**

1. All devices within the SAHS building must have the Handbook Acceptance Form on file with the office.
2. Students wishing to use the wireless network must register their device(s) with the office, including their MAC address.
3. Students take full responsibility for the security of his or her device and the school does not assume responsibility for damage or theft.
4. Students are responsible for the proper care of their devices. This includes costs of repair, replacement, or any modifications needed to use the device at school.
5. Devices must be charged prior to bringing it to school and shall be capable of running off its own battery while at school.
6. The student may not use the devices to record, transmit or post photos or video of a person or persons on the SAHS campus. Images and video recorded at school cannot be transmitted or posted at any time without the express permission of administration. Violation will result in disciplinary action.
7. Any use of devices is prohibited in non-academic areas including but not limited to restrooms and locker rooms, whether at SAHS or at another facility where a school activity or athletic event is occurring.
8. The student will use the guest wireless network. Use of 3G and 4G wireless connections is not allowed.
9. It is our goal to become a paperless environment. While logged into the wireless network, networked printers will not be available for use. SAHS encourages you to print at home or deliver an electronic copy to your teacher.
10. Games are prohibited – Students are held accountable by the classroom teacher.

## Frequently Asked Questions

Why are we moving to digital instruction?

The changing landscape of the world's information from analog to digital form will certainly require today's student to have a different set of skills than what was required just a decade ago. Future graduates must not be equipped with just the three R's, but also must be equipped with 21<sup>st</sup> century skills of problem solving, critical thinking, communication and technological literacy. Students will need to be able to quickly and accurately find answers to questions, synthesize information, communicate and collaborate with colleagues—not just in their own office, but with a global community of colleagues and customers. Together with parents and community members, St. Anthony High School wants to help students develop the skills and knowledge necessary to responsibly navigate through this emerging modern world.

May I still bring my own personal computer?

Yes. However, we do not anticipate that students will need to bring a laptop or any device other than an iPad though. Study halls will be located in the Library where personal computers will be available to use. We will also still have two computer labs available when a student needs to do a research paper or similar activity where an iPad is not as conducive.

What version of iPad should be purchased?

You may choose which version of iPad to purchase but if purchasing new, we recommend a **32GB** iPad. This will allow 4 years worth of use and greater flexibility. It is also recommended that if you already own an iPad, you keep the one you own regardless of storage space.

fyi....Video, music, and pictures are typically the largest consumer of storage space. There may be times when a video or picture project is done in class but these will not be needed to keep after the project is concluded. Therefore, for school purposes only, the smaller amount of storage space should be sufficient.

Can my child use an iPad mini?

Yes, but it is not recommended because of its size, its similar hardware configuration to an iPad, and limited accessories by comparison to a full iPad.

Will the iPad be part of tuition?

No. The iPad will be personally owned by the student.

What happens if my iPad is lost or stolen?

The iPad is owned by the student and the responsibility of the student.

Why did we choose the iPad instead of staying with Bring Your Own Device?

We found that through research the uniform device more seamlessly blends into the classroom and will be more manageable in a classroom setting.

Will there be a discount to purchase an iPad?

No. Apple does not provide good discounts for families to purchase iPads through education.

Do parents/students have a choice to not be a part of the 1:1 initiative?

iPads will be part of classroom curriculum. Therefore, it is important that each student be equipped to be part of this environment. Thus, students will not be allowed to opt out of 1:1.

Why iPads instead of Laptops?

There were multiple factors that contributed to this decision:

- weight
- battery life
- durability
- educational apps for specific learning needs
- ease and speed of use to access apps and the Internet

Why an Apple iPad instead of an Android tablet?

The Apple iOS operating system is significantly more mature and stable than the Android operating system. Applications available through iTunes are also pre-approved by Apple and considered iPad-friendly. Apple also has an extensive list of apps specifically designed for education and the Apple organization is known for education.

My family receives need-based financial aid. Will there be help to purchase an iPad?

We are currently developing a plan that will assist those families that may need help in purchasing an iPad.

What is Cloud Computing?

Cloud Computing is applications and storage that run and are accessed through the Internet. Instead of installing an app or saving a file to a device, the application and/or file would be stored over the Internet and accessible by any device. This is the future of computing!

What happens if the iPad is lost or stolen?

All iPads should be enrolled in the FindMyiPad program from Apple. This is a free service that will enable the GPS tracking device embedded on all iPads. Once the beacon is activated and the iPad2 is turned on, the location will become available through the MobileMe website. For more information on iPad GPS tracking, [please click here!](#)

Will there be a loaner program?

The Technology Support Center will maintain a couple of loaner iPads, but this will be restricted to students whose iPads are under repair.

What apps are required on the iPad?

This list will be developed over the coming school year but will not be an extensive list.