

PALATINE HIGH SCHOOL



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TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 211

Gary Steiger Daniel E. Cates
Principal Superintendent

Dear Parents or Guardians:

This school year marks the third year that all Palatine High School students will be issued an iPad to use in school. Our experiences have demonstrated the great opportunities the iPad makes available for learning and preparation for life in an ever-increasing digital world. Our school is proud to make this powerful resource available for our students.

Helping students prepare for fully independent use of a web-connected device is important, and our school will provide on-going support and guidance to students as they mature and learn about best practices in an online world. All school-issued iPads are to be used as academic learning devices. If your student successfully completed the District's 9th grade online Digital Citizenship curriculum he or she has earned access to specific communication applications which have been shown to provide academic assistance when used appropriately. These applications are:

- FaceTime
- iMessage
- AirDrop

To minimize potential classroom distractions, the notification settings on these programs have been limited.

If your student has not completed the District's 9th grade online Digital Citizenship curriculum, these tools will not be available and your student will remain enrolled in last year's curriculum. He or she will continue to have the opportunity to earn the communication privileges by successfully completing all of the lessons.

Sophomore students will once again be assigned a Digital Citizenship curriculum designed to continue their preparation to use technology appropriately in their current and future digital world. This online set of lessons will strengthen the skills students learned during the freshman year. More information about this curriculum will be provided to your student after the school year begins.

Our school is prepared to help students remain engaged in the classroom, attend to their school work, and develop the skills needed to be a productive digital citizen. Students who struggle to use the iPad appropriately in the classroom will be recommended for higher levels of device control. Decisions to restrict access to apps and iPad features will be determined on a case-by-case basis. You will be informed if this need arises for your student.

Additionally, if you find that your student is struggling to use the iPad appropriately while away from school, your student's administrator is available to discuss adjustments to the iPad's settings to minimize or eliminate that concern.

If you have not done so already, we encourage you to purchase the school district's optional iPad insurance for your student's iPad. Information about the insurance and the One-to-One Program is available on our website.

If you have questions concerning our One-to-One program, please contact our school's Technology Coordinator, Bob Schuetz, via email at rschuetz@d211.org or telephone at 847-755-1760.

We look forward to another successful school year utilizing the One-to-One iPad program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Steiger".

Gary Steiger
Palatine High School, Principal

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "RT Schuetz".

Bob Schuetz
Palatine High School, Technology Coordinator

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