

PALATINE HIGH SCHOOL



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TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 211

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Dear Parents or Guardians:

Our District's One-to-One iPad Program is entering its third year of full implementation. As the start of the school year quickly approaches, we want to familiarize you with some student iPad usage guidelines to meet the educational needs of our students during their freshman year at Palatine High School.

We expect school-issued iPads to be used as academic learning devices. As such, 9th grade students' iPads are setup with a predetermined set of apps to fulfill classroom activities and assignments. Additional course-specific apps may be added throughout the school year as requested by classroom teachers. The AppStore, which allows students to download their own apps, is not available to freshmen students, nor are some specific programs and social media websites that have been shown to distract students from academic tasks.

You may be familiar with the regulations governing teenagers' ability to obtain a driver license. These new drivers undergo periods of formal instruction and complete supervised practice before they set out on the road as independent drivers. These steps help prepare teenagers to be safe and considerate drivers. Similar conditions apply to students' use of their school-assigned iPad.

We have learned that some students find it difficult to avoid the distractions that an Internet-connected device can produce. Games, social media, and other online sources are tempting disruptions to teenagers as they learn to prioritize the many demands for their attention. 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.

Students who successfully complete the District's 9th grade online self-paced Digital Citizenship curriculum may be eligible for more technology opportunities in 10th grade. More information about this curriculum will be provided to your student after the school year begins.

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 a 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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