iPad Program 2020-2021

iPad Philosophy

Colorado Academy uses the iPad as a tool to enhance education. Students use the iPad across a wide range of disciplines from art to world languages. The emphasis at CA is to use the iPad effectively to improve learning, and it is expected that teachers will use the iPad when appropriate as one of the many resources available in the classroom.

The iPad program is just one component of CA’s comprehensive technology program. CA has a robust technology, computer science, and engineering curriculum in Pre-K – 12, which covers topics such as basic computer skills, programming, tinkering, building, and robotics. In addition to iPads, there are more than 10 computer labs available on campus for student use, including three innovation labs, digital media lab, music composition lab, and recording studio.

Why the iPad?

CA has chosen the iPad as a way to standardize on a single platform to provide consistent training, support, and applications to all students. The following are some advantages of the iPad compared to other devices:

- Small, light, and highly portable
- Instant on and off
- Ease of use
- Responsive touch interface
- Ability to annotate notes and documents with a stylus
- Long lasting battery (will last all day on a full charge in typical use)
- Huge ecosystem of educational apps
- Built-in, high-quality camera and video camera
- Easy to maintain and back up

The iPad is not considered a “computer replacement;” and there are some tasks that may be better suited to a computer, just as some tasks are easier on an iPad. CA encourages using the appropriate tool for a specific task. Some students in the Upper School may choose to bring a laptop computer to school in addition to their iPad, but this is not required.

What Do Students Need?

The requirements for the iPad program vary by grade:

- **Pre-K – Grade 4:** There are no iPad requirements for Pre-K through Grade 4. Classroom sets of iPads are available for student use.
- **Grades 5-8:** Families must provide an iPad case that provides protection for the iPad. Colorado Academy will provide the necessary licensing for all required iPad apps. iPads and styluses are provided by the school and will be distributed to all students in Grade 5 and to new students at the start of the school year in Grades 6-8. Additional instructions will be provided to parents for any necessary preparation before the start of school. Current students will keep their iPads until the end of Grade 8 when the devices will be returned to the school.
- **Grades 9-10:** Families must provide an iPad case that provides protection for the iPad. Colorado Academy will provide the necessary licensing for all required iPad apps. iPads and styluses are provided by the school and will be distributed to all students in Grade 9. Additional instructions will be provided to students for any necessary preparation before the start of school. Students will keep their iPads until the end of Grade 12 when the devices will be returned to the school.
- **Grades 11-12:** Students in Grades 11-12 must provide their own iPads. Case, stylus, and insurance are optional, but recommended. Colorado Academy will provide the necessary licensing for all required iPad apps. New students in Grades 11-12 can reference the chart below for required models.

### iPad Models by Grade:

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* This model may change depending upon availability.

Digital Citizenship, Security, & Privacy

Colorado Academy works to ensure students are properly and age appropriately educated on the safe use of the Internet, security, and privacy. A comprehensive Digital Citizenship program begins in Pre-K and continues through high school.

**Topics include:**

- Search Skills
- Online Safety & Privacy
- Web Site Evaluation
- Respect for creator’s rights
- Cyberbullying
- Digital Reputation
- Responsible Social Media Use
The Colorado Academy network provides content filtering customized to each division to help prevent access to inappropriate material and resources. In addition, our network infrastructure will block access to known malware, spyware, and viruses.

Colorado Academy works with a number of third party vendors (including Apple, Google, and Microsoft) to provide services to faculty and students. All vendors that Colorado Academy works with must meet the following standards:

- Not sell or share student information
- Not use information for behavioral, targeted advertising
- Use data for authorized education purposes only

All of our school-wide vendors have also signed the Student Privacy Pledge ([http://studentprivacypledge.org/](http://studentprivacypledge.org/)).

**iPad Warranty & Damage**

For school-owned iPads, Colorado Academy will cover the repair costs for any defects in material and workmanship when used in accordance with Apple’s published guidelines (limited warranty). In the event of accidental damage, Colorado Academy will repair or replace the iPad for a fee of $50 billed to the family. In the event of loss, theft, or damage that is not covered (as determined at the sole discretion of Colorado Academy), families will be billed for the replacement or repair cost of the device as determined by the school. All repairs must be coordinated with the Colorado Academy Technology Department.

For student-owned iPads (Upper School Grades 11-12 only), Colorado Academy recommends families purchase insurance coverage on their own. Colorado Academy will provide loaner iPads (for a limited amount of time) when students’ iPads are being repaired so that they can continue to stay current with their school work.

iPad insurance is available from a number of vendors. Below are three options:

- **WorthAve** [www.worthavegroup.com/ipad](http://www.worthavegroup.com/ipad)
- **SquareTrade** [http://www.squaretrade.com/ipad-warranty](http://www.squaretrade.com/ipad-warranty)

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q: Who is required to have an iPad?**

A: All students in Grades 5-12 are required to have an iPad. The school will provide iPads for students in Grades 5-10. Students in Grades 11-12 are required to provide their own iPads.

**Q: Can my student bring a laptop instead of an iPad?**

A: No. All students in Grades 5-12 are required to have an iPad. Students in high school are welcome to use a laptop in addition to their iPad.

**Q: Can I use a model of iPad that is different than the model in the iPad by “Models by Grade” chart?**

A: Students in Grades 5-10 must use the iPad that is provided by the school. Students in Grades 11-12 may choose to purchase a higher end or newer model, as long as the iPad meets or exceeds the listed model.

**Q: Do I need to purchase apps and textbooks?**

A: The school will provide the necessary licensing for all required iPad apps. For Middle & Upper School students, textbooks must be purchased separately.

**Q: Are students required to have a case and keyboard? What case do you recommend?**

A: Students in Grades 5-8 are required to have a case with a keyboard. Students in Grades 9-10 are required to have a protective case (keyboard is optional). Cases and keyboards are recommended, but not required, for Grades 11-12.

The choice of a case is often a personal preference, so the school is not providing any specific recommendations for cases. We recommend that cases have adequate protection, cover the front and back of the iPad, and provide protection on the corners of the iPad, because these areas seem to be most often damaged by drops. Popular brands of keyboard cases include Logitech, Belkin, and Zagg. We recommend checking reviews online (such as Amazon.com) to get information on specific cases. Please note, cases are often designed for a specific model of iPad. Make sure the case you purchase is compatible with your student’s specific iPad model.

**Q: How often will my student use an iPad?**

A: The frequency of iPad use depends on a number of factors, including your student’s personal preferences, specific classes, digital textbook availability for their class, and their teacher.

**Q: What type of content filtering does the school provide?**

A: The Colorado Academy network provides content filtering customized to each division to help prevent access to inappropriate material and resources.

Colorado Academy only provides content filtering on the school network. Responsible use and content filtering while students are off campus is the responsibility of the family. We recommend regular conversations at home about your family rules and expectations.

**Q: Is financial aid available for iPad cases and keyboards?**

A: Yes. Please contact the Admission and Financial Aid Office at 303-914-2513 for additional information.

**Q: Other questions?**

Please contact the CA Technology Department at help@coloradoacademy.org.