

Do we need to buy an iPad?

Yes, every student is required to have an iPad to enroll at Whittier Christian High School.

What kind of iPad do we need?

Though we always recommend the newest model of iPad, we recognize that the newest model is a luxury. WCHS requires all students to have at least a **32GB iPad** without cellular data capabilities. The acceptable models for each class are as follows:

Freshman (class of 2020)-iPad Air, iPad Air 2, iPad Air 3

Sophomores (class of 2019)-iPad 4, iPad Air, iPad Air 2 or newer

Juniors (class of 2018)-iPad 3, iPad 4, iPad Air or newer

Seniors (Class of 2017)-iPad 3, iPad 4, iPad Air or newer

What about the iPad pro or iPad mini?

Both are acceptable. The iPad pro is an incredible device that far exceeds our campus minimums, but is much more expensive. The iPad mini is not recommended due to its size and usability, but we do have some students who use it. This comes down to a matter of student preference.

What about AppleCare Plus?

We highly recommend purchasing AppleCare Plus, which can be extended to a 3rd year when purchased for education. Things can go wrong, and students do drop iPads! Over the course of your students' High School career, you will likely be glad you have AppleCare at some point.

Does the school have any iPads to rent out?

For the 2016-2017 school year, WCHS will not have any additional iPads to rent.

What is the most affordable way to buy an iPad?

Though you can purchase used iPads on Amazon and eBay, we recommend going through Apple's certified refurbished program: <http://www.apple.com/shop/browse/home/specialdeals/mac>. While these are used, Apple certifies each product in detail, and you are able to purchase Apple Care. Just be sure to purchase a **32GB refurbished iPad that meets the requirements** so you won't have to buy a newer iPad when your student is a senior!

Do you recommend iPad cases?

We recommend that all students use a case for their iPad. Most students on campus prefer cases that have keyboards. Often times, however, keyboard cases do not effectively protect the iPad from cracks and scratches, so you want to be sure the back of the iPad and its corners are protected. Prices vary from \$40 to \$120 for the nicest keyboard cases on Amazon.com:

http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss_2?url=search-alias%3Dcomputers&field-keywords=ipad+cover+with+keyboard

Do we need to purchase any apps?

The only app students need to purchase is Notability, which is available in the App Store for \$5.99. Schoology and Google Accounts are provided by the school. In addition, many teachers will provide students with a list of apps and programs they will register for when the school year begins, but those will be free.

How can I make sure my child is using technology safely?

At Whittier Christian, we work hard to protect your student, and we are confident in our world class filter on campus. Our faculty and staff are committed to creating a safe, productive environment where students learn

to use technology wisely while interacting with their classmates in a God glorifying way. We also understand that you likely do not have the same web filter at home that we have on campus. There are several tools you can use:

- You can manually control restrictions by setting a parent code that restricts what your student can access:
 - <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201304>
- You can install safe web browsers, such as *Covenant Eyes*
- Perhaps the best option, though is Curbi. It requires a paid subscription, \$6.99/month and allows parents to manage what apps students have access to remotely, set time-sensitive triggers, and view reports on which apps your student spends the most time on.

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