

NOW IN
YEAR TWO!

MIDDLE SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION

OVERVIEW

LCS strives to be aligned with our strategic plan to be a “leader in integrating technology” and, after much review, prayer, and parent input, we have decided to make changes to the scope of the middle school technology program.



In three years, every middle school student will be operating an iPad under strong restriction guidelines. *These guidelines will be in place, regardless of the network. Students will only be able to operate the apps, programs, and websites that are allowed by LCS administration at all times.* LCS cares greatly about our students and has decided to enact this change for several reasons:

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Strengthened Internet Filter
- ✓ Secure Browsing
- ✓ Built-in Accountability
- ✓ Consistent Standards & Restrictions
- ✓ School Provided Apple ID
- ✓ School Provided iPad Programming
- ✓ iPad Restrictions in Place (as long as the student is enrolled at LCS)



Our new program provides students with more access to technology, while safely limiting their use to education-related programs. *Parents have expressed concern with the challenges of keeping up with the new ways kids are exploring and testing boundaries with technology, as well as the distraction and potential stumbling block this exploring can cause.*



We believe the use of technology in middle school is a necessary transition between teacher-guided methods in elementary, to student self-monitoring methods in high school. *Technology is a “work” tool and we believe in teaching responsible Biblical Digital Citizenship© prior to students entering into high school.*



Regarding student use of technology, families have different standards of supervision and accountability. This dynamic can negatively impact a student’s learning environment with added discipline/peer pressure concerns. **This new program provides a safe, consistent, and simplified, standard for iPad use in school and at home.**

TECHNOLOGY PAYMENT

Parents have two choices for providing a device for their student:

1 LCS provides the iPad (32GB), a protective keyboard case and Apple Care insurance for three years. The cost is approximately \$25 per month and will be billed over 30 months, aligning with scheduled tuition payments (10 months per year).

The family will own the iPad upon full payment.

2 Parents provide an approved iPad, a protective case of choice, and/or device insurance, and waive the right to manage the device while their student is at LCS. *The cost would be dependent on family purchasing decisions.*

YEAR 1

2017-18

6th grade: Restricted iPads

School provided option (tech payment) or family provided option (no tech payment). Restrictions added at parent request.

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8th grade: Network/Firewall iPads

Family provided (no tech payment). Restrictions added at parent request.

2018-19

YEAR 2

6th & 7th grades: Restricted iPads

School provided option (tech payment) or family provided option (no tech payment).

8th grade: Network/Firewall iPads

Family provided (no tech payment). Restrictions added at parent request.

YEAR 3

2019-20

6th - 8th grades: Restricted iPads

School provided option (tech payment) or family provided option (no tech payment).