



iPAD DISTRIBUTION TO STUDENTS

Parent Information FAQ

What device is DSB Ontario North East giving my child?

Each student in your child's class will receive an iPad. The iPad is enclosed in a protective case and comes with a charging adapter/USB cable. To protect the iPad, it should remain in the protective case at all times.

What does an iPad do?

An iPad is a tablet device that opens up a whole world of access for students. It can be used to interact with lesson materials, create materials and for research needs.

Do I have to pay for the device?

The iPad is a school resource, just like a textbook. Therefore, there is no cost to students or parents.

Will my child still receive textbooks, or reading books in English?

Yes, students will still use novels and textbooks at school; however, in most cases, the necessary resources for learning will be provided digitally on the iPad through apps like Showbie, iTunesU, Microsoft Teams, or Google Classroom. This allows students to access classroom content anywhere they can connect to the Internet. Your child will be taught how to save information to their device, should they not have Internet access outside of school. In rare cases, there might be a textbook issued if sufficient digital resources are not available.

What software/applications are on the iPad?

An iPad comes with 'apps.' Some of these apps come pre-loaded on the device, others are provided by DSB Ontario North East. Any apps that are required for a class or learning experience will already be installed on your child's iPad.

Can my child add apps?

No; this is a Board tool for advancement of student learning. We will load all apps needed. We will pay for all the apps installed.

Will my child take this device home?

With your permission, our hope is that your child will take the device home each night so that they can extend their learning beyond the school day. It is your child's responsibility to bring their device to school each day, fully charged. Once signed in the fall, the **Student iPad Loan Policy** will allow your child to bring their iPad home each night. You will have an opportunity to sign this form when iPads are distributed.

What happens if my child's device is lost, stolen or damaged?

Being assigned a tablet involves responsibility for each student. In the event of loss, theft or damage, please contact the main office of the school letting them know what has occurred. The school will provide a temporary iPad for your child to use throughout the school day. This temporary iPad will be returned at the end of the day and secured at school. Situations like this will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

Can my child's device be tracked or monitored while away from school?

The iPad is automatically enrolled in a Mobile Device Management (MDM) program. This program allows us to remotely add and remove apps from the device, lock the device or wipe all material from the device if it stolen or lost. Additionally, we are able to track the device if necessary (i.e. if the device is lost or stolen). This tracking ability is only used when the device has been lost or stolen for recovering the device and isn't a student monitoring strategy.

We don't have Internet access at home, how can my child do their homework?

While at school, it is possible for your child to save lessons, notes and homework on their iPad through the school wireless Internet. Once home, they can work on their homework without needing to be online. Additionally, these devices can connect to any wireless Internet, so it is possible for your child to access the Internet through a free hotspot at the public library, or at a local business. Secondary school students are also eligible for a Turbo Hub if they have poor/no internet.

If I don't allow the device to come home, how will my child be able to do any homework?

All student assignments and homework can be accessed from Showbie, iTunesU, Microsoft Teams, or Google Classroom. If you do not have Internet access, these assignments and homework can be printed at school for the student to work on later. Work can be completed digitally, but also using paper where necessary.

Who is monitoring what my child is doing on this device?

In school, the school staff will monitor what your child is doing on the device. The Code of Conduct Policy 2.1.6, and the Appropriate Use of Technology Policy 1.2.10, which you can find by searching www.dsb1.ca, set out standards and expectations on behaviour. Students will be held accountable for their activities on the device, just as they would be in more traditional instances. DSB Ontario North East also provides an Internet filter within its buildings to block inappropriate material from being viewed while connected to the Internet at school.

At home, it is up to the parents to monitor how the device is being used. Please remember that the device can connect to the Internet and transmit photos, video and text. It is important for you to monitor your child's online use and help them learn to regulate their use, balancing screen time with other activities.

Is the camera always turned on?

The camera is not on unless an application is making use of the camera.

Can the camera be remotely turned on?

Currently, there is no way to remotely access the camera on an iPad. Apple has created tight security to prevent unauthorized access to the camera on the device.

Additional Questions?

Communication will continue throughout the next school year. We look forward to working with you as we work at DSB Ontario North East to transform learning everywhere.