

Frequently Asked Questions

Disclaimer: Please understand that questions are being answered to the best of our abilities. As technology and information changes, the answers presented here may also change.

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How is the district paying for this initiative?

The district paid for our 1:1 iPad initiative with funds from the "Race to the Top" grant and "REAP" grant. Money collected over the last four years from the iPad Protection Fund payments has also served to help fund this initiative. This money is NOT coming from the general fund that could be used for either building or personnel expenses.

Are there any other school districts in the area already doing this?

Kalida is not the only district in Putnam County to implement this program in this way. Although each school will have different implementation plans, many facets of this program are being determined in cooperation with these schools in order to optimize the opportunity for our students. At this time every school in Putnam County has implemented a 1:1 device initiative.

Why is the initiative starting in grades 9-12, instead of one grade level?

The primary reason we are initiating this program in all high school grades is in order to offer a rigorous curriculum; we want our highest level learners to have the opportunity to prepare for college and career using the latest technologies. Additionally, many of our courses are offered across a variety of grade levels, so this would allow for all high school students to have that technology available to them. Also, many staff members teach multiple grade level classes and it is important that all students enrolled in an individual class have the same resources available to help them succeed.

What is the payment to the iPad Protection Fund going to be used for?

The iPad Protection Fund covers the iPad loaned to the student against all damage or loss over \$50.00. Accessories (charger and case) and damages valued at less than \$50.00 are NOT covered and are the sole responsibility of the student. Coverage is 24 hours per day. If an iPad is damaged throughout the coverage period, a replacement iPad will be given. If an iPad is damaged a second time, a replacement iPad will be given only after an additional \$50 is paid to protect the newly issued iPad.

This coverage is effective from the date this form and premium payment are received by the school, through the date when the iPad is required to be returned to the school.

It is the responsibility of the Technology department to determine if damages were due to neglect or accident.

Is the iPad Protection Fund premium an annual expense?

Yes

As of June 2015, the Kalida Board of Education approved an updated iPad Protection Fund premium schedule. This schedule is shown below.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total	
2013	\$75								\$75	
2014	\$75	\$75							\$150	
2015	\$75	\$75	\$75						\$225	
2016	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$0					\$225	
2017		\$75	\$75	\$0	\$50				\$200	
2018			\$75	\$25	\$50	\$50			\$200	
2019				\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50		\$200	
2020					\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$200	
2021						\$50	\$50	\$50	\$150	Maximum of \$200 moving forward
2022							\$50	\$50	\$100	Maximum of \$200 moving forward
2023								\$50	\$50	Maximum of \$200 moving forward

What will be done with the iPads after the four year lease period is up?

The iPads have proven to be a very durable device. We have elected to use the devices for a fifth year and evaluate the types of devices that may be available on the market when we feel a need to replace the iPad 3's.

We have yet to determine exactly what will be done with the iPads. When we make a move to replace the iPad 3 devices at the high school level, these devices may have value at other grade levels.

What if my child's iPad gets stolen?

All of the iPads are equipped with the ability to locate them remotely reducing the likelihood of theft. However, if the child is enrolled in the iPad Protection Fund, there will be a one-time replacement.

What if my iPad is damaged and the damage assessment is for less than \$50?

That expense will not be covered by the iPad Protection Fund. Anything less than \$50 will be billed to the student. It has been our experience that there is very little damage to the iPad itself that would cost less than \$50 to repair. Items that the students have been held responsible for that fall below the \$50 limit are the protective case, the USB cable and the charger.

Can I purchase my own iPad cover?

No, students must use the school-issued protective cover.

If our family owns an iPad or Tablet computer already, can they just use that one for school?

No, school-purchased applications, textbooks and eBooks will be installed on the school-issued iPads and these products cannot be installed on devices that the school does not own. Many Tablet computers do not support the apps that the school will purchase. Also, the school cannot control the content on a personal device.

Will the iPad be like a cell phone where my child can text during school?

No, however each child will be set up with an email identity that will allow them to communicate by email throughout the day.

Will traditional books still be used for instructional purposes?

Yes, the implementation of the iPad initiative is a transition that must be applied with patience and common sense.

What if I can't afford it?

If a financial situation exists in which your child may not be able to afford the payment to the iPad Protection Fund, please contact Mr. Chris Pfahler, High School Principal to discuss payment plans and options.

Who do we pay for the iPad Protection Fund?

Checks should be made payable to Kalida High School or Kalida Local Schools.

Will FaceTime be off/blocked?

Yes, the FaceTime app will not be installed on the student iPads.

What about viruses on the iPad?

The writers of viruses have not specifically targeted Apple devices.

Will students be able to download eBooks?

Yes, through INFOhio, World Book Advanced, or through the public library (with a valid library card).

What if we decide not to pay the fee for the iPad Protection Fund now, can we change our mind and pay it later and allow our child to take the iPad home then?

Yes.

Will we see any savings on our current book bill?

Yes. The book bills since the 2012-2013 school year reflected a significant savings as we have not added the paper use fee that we had added for many of our classes prior to the iPad initiative. The paper use at the high school decreased 6% in the first year of the program.

Will the students be able to use the camera and video recording app?

Yes.

Can a teacher give an assignment and can it be completed at home without an iPad?

Yes, but evening discussion groups, videos, homework, etc. may be more of a struggle without the iPad. Much studying is completed in locations other than the home, such as during athletic trips and band trips. Without the iPad, the student will not have access to needed materials at these locations.

Will the iPad replace having to purchase a \$100 calculator?

Not yet. Right now there is not an app to replace the TI 81 calculator currently required for ACT testing.

Will students get the same iPad back year after year?

Yes.

What will the students do with the iPads while they are practicing in the gym?

Students will place their iPads in the school lockers located in the main hallways. All school lockers have a combination lock on them.

What will the students do with the iPads while they are on the bus riding to and from athletic/band events?

Students will be advised to secure their iPad in a safe environment. Students will be allowed to take the iPads with them on the bus, but it will be the student's responsibility to secure the iPad in a safe location. Also, students returning from event trips will be able to go to their lockers to pick up their iPad/homework materials.

What is the length of the warranty on the iPads through the leasing program?

Standard manufacturer's two-year warranty against defects.

Are all the course books on every iPad?

Books are not pre-loaded on the iPads. Students will have access to textbooks and class materials for the courses in which they are enrolled via iPad apps.

Will students be expected to take notes on the iPad if they are not comfortable doing so?

No.

Are the iPads brand new?

The iPads were brand new at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year. Incoming freshmen will be issued iPads that were used by the seniors from last year. These iPads have been thoroughly cleaned (both physically and data) and will be in good working condition when issued.

Can I pay the iPad Protection Fund premium for one child and not for my second child and only bring one iPad home at night?

No. The iPad is a personal device that is pre-loaded with only one email address. Each student will need their own iPad in order to be able to fully participate in classes.