iPad Initiative

When do students receive their iPads?

New students receive their iPads during freshmen orientation week in August.

May students opt out of using the iPad altogether?

No. The benefits of a tool like this can only be achieved if the tool is used by all students.

Can students install their own apps?

No. The iPads are leased to San Joaquin Memorial and therefore are managed school devices to ensure we have consistent security, configuration apps, and content. Apps will be pushed out to student iPads by the Memorial IT department in support of classroom instruction only. Above all, the iPad program at Memorial is an academic program and the policies governing the use of the iPad support its academic use.

Is training available for students on how to use the iPads?

Yes. Training for students will occur during freshmen orientation and at the beginning of the school year in each classroom.

Why would I "rent" a device for $375 when I can go buy one for $499?

The Memorial technology fee includes use of the device, application software, a comprehensive warranty, AppleCare, taxes, training and enterprise mobile device management software, along with other infrastructure enhancements, to make this program a success before school begins.

What accessories will be needed with the iPad?

All students will receive an iPad and iPad cover. The school will supply information regarding any other suggested accessories. All students will need earphones with a microphone.

What happens to my iPad at the end of the school year?

At the end of the school year, all iPads will be collected by Memorial and completely reset. They will be re-distributed in August.

Is there technical support for student iPads on campus?

Yes. The school’s IT staff will available in the Media Center throughout the day.

Do students get to keep their iPads when they graduate?

No. The iPads are the property of Apple Computer and are returned to Apple after their use at Memorial.
What happens if an iPad gets broken, lost or stolen?

If an iPad is broken, stolen or lost, the family is billed for the price of a new device. AppleCare will cover hardware malfunctions for the first year of use of the device, but not breakages caused by the user. The school provides recommendations on caring for the iPad and options for purchasing optional insurance coverage.

Should parents purchase insurance to cover student use of the iPad?

San Joaquin Memorial strongly encourages families to consider purchasing insurance, which normally costs $50 per year. We encourage families to check their homeowner’s insurance policy to see if the device is covered or to consider purchasing a separate policy for the device.

Will my student still need a computer at home?

It is important to note that the iPad is not a replacement for a computer, but rather its touchscreen, unique apps and interactive textbooks offer students a completely new learning experience. iPads do connect to computers and iPhones via iCloud services.

Do I need to have wireless Internet service at home for this device to work?

No. One of the advantages of the iPad is that it has sufficient memory to store textbooks and other materials required for homework, making it unnecessary to have Internet access at home.