



ARTHUR I. MEYER JEWISH ACADEMY

Benjamin S. Hornstein Elementary School / Rapaport Middle School
Lore and Eric F. Ross Endowment Fund

Nehemia Ichilov, *Headmaster*
Harriet and Alan Miller Chair for Education

Dear Middle School Parents:

As we shared last week, we are very excited about Meyer's move to 1:1 personal computing for middle school students beginning in August of the 2011/12 school year. As this program directly affects your children, we wanted to provide you with some more details regarding the program and its educational benefits.

Product Specifications:

iPad 2 16GB WiFi only – retail \$499

3 years of Apple Care - \$99

3 years of transferable, complete coverage insurance - \$124

- Accidental – including drops / liquid spills
- Liquid Submersion
- Theft
- Fire/Flood Damage
- Vandalism
- Natural
- Power
- \$50 deductible
- Not included: Mechanical / electrical breakdowns, wear/tear or losing the item

Initial Platform of Required Applications - \$50-\$100

Meyer Academy IT Technical Support

- Note: Meyer Academy IT will ONLY be able to support devices that were purchased through the school.

Total Value: Approx. \$800

Students who elect to purchase an iPad independently or already own an iPad, may “opt out” of purchasing an additional iPad through Meyer Academy. These students however, will be required to purchase the platform of required applications. We anticipate the costs for these applications to be between \$50-\$100. It is important to note that devices purchased independently of the school will only have a 2 year Apple Care contract (purchased separately through Apple) and can not be supported by the Meyer IT department.

Cost / Grade:

8th Grade: \$750 – 1 payment and student owns the device at the conclusion of the year; or \$150 / year and Meyer will retain the device upon student's graduation

7th Grade: \$375 / year for 2 years and student owns the device at the conclusion of the year; Lease of \$150 / year for a total of \$300 for the student's 7th and 8th grade years and Meyer will retain the device upon student's graduation.

6th Grade: \$250 / year for 3 years and student owns the device at the conclusion of the year; Lease of \$150 / year for a total of \$450 for the student's 6th, 7th and 8th grade years and Meyer will retain the device upon student's graduation.

Note: Leased devices will be returned to Meyer Academy during summer break.

Financial assistance is available and would be applied towards leasing a device.

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Savings:

Middle School students will no longer need to purchase specialized calculators previously required for their math classes and this represents a savings of approximately \$200/ student.

Educational Benefits:

A 21st Century Education: The key word is *engagement*. Using technology to teach vs. teaching technology is a fundamentally different way of approaching education. Education is transitioning to the new “connected learning” networked economy, which requires technological skills development for increased global competitiveness in education.

A 1:1 program empowers students to “plan globally”: Students utilize the accessibility to information as the primary tool to delve deeper into the subject matter. Possessing the ability to take projects and transfer information between subjects develops the students’ critical thinking skills and multi-tasking capacities.

Make a Tough Topic Fun: Children are “native” technology users. The skills to do research, integrate information, find information that fits their individual learning style (oral; visual; written etc.), and incorporate a global perspective are innate. Providing a tool to access this information enables the children to learn and grow in a way that motivates them like no other medium. By utilizing iTunes U, Wikis, and other web based learning options, as well as the constantly developing App environment the iPad will become the tool of choice for our students’ every day learning.

Static Texts to Dynamic Information: With teachers possessing the ability to stream up to the minute live information to each student’s individual devices, less photocopying of old handouts and printed worksheets will be necessary, enabling students to stay study in-time information, stay more organized, and have years of their notes at their fingertips.

Virtual Field Trips: The 1:1 computing empowers the students to experience simulations and virtual tours / “field trips”. Students will possess the ability to tour world famous art museums and science labs, and connect with students around the world etc.

Practical Applicability of “Face Time”: Given the opportunity for mobile learning, where appropriate students who are home sick and can join the class virtually will not need to miss out on the formal instruction going on in class.

Finally, and equally importantly, its’ personal: Studies show that when students are personally connected to their learning, they spend more time and dedicate more effort to their work. A key to the iPad plan is that Meyer students customize them to be a personal device. Thereby increasing their care and connection and their time spent learning.

Attached to this letter is a technology contract. Please review, elect an option that best suits your child, and return a signed copy to the business office no later than May 13th. Any student not returning a contract after this date will be required to purchase an iPad independently.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,



Nehemia Ichilov
Headmaster

2011/12 Student Technology Financial Contract

Student's Name:

Entering Grade:_____

Last

First

Middle

Please initial the relevant purchase plan and the App statement.

_____ We are choosing to purchase an iPad through the Meyer Academy. We understand that the cost for this is:

\$250 / year for 3 years for 6th grade students

\$375 / year for 2 years for 7th grade students

\$750 / year for 1 year for 8th grade students

We understand that this fee includes: the device, Apple Care for 3 years, insurance, an initial platform of required applications, and Meyer IT tech support. It does not include the cost of the iPad cover which is highly recommended for purchase.

_____ We are choosing to lease an iPad from the Meyer Academy at a cost of \$150 / year. We understand that this lease includes: rental of the device, Apple Care, insurance, applications and Meyer IT support. We also understand that upon the completion of the school year, the device belongs to the Meyer Academy unless we choose to convert the lease agreement into a purchase agreement. Finally, in addition to the \$150 / year fee, we understand that it is our responsibility to purchase a cover for the iPad that will be used daily.

_____ Our child already owns an iPad. We understand that our child must bring this iPad to school daily. We also understand that we are required to purchase a platform of applications for learning and that these applications will cost \$50-\$100. Finally, we understand that all repairs, insurance, and technology support are our family's sole responsibility and that the Meyer Academy and the Meyer IT team will not be held accountable for any repairs, problems, damages or theft issues.

_____ We are electing to purchase an iPad for our child independently. We understand that our child must bring this iPad to school daily. We also understand that we are required to purchase a platform of applications for learning and that these applications will cost \$50-\$100. Finally, we understand that all repairs, insurance, and technology support are our family's sole responsibility and that the Meyer Academy and the Meyer IT team will not be held accountable for any repairs, problems, damages or theft issues.

_____ If we own an iPad or chose to purchase our own iPad, we understand that there may be periodic requests by our child's teachers to purchase additional applications after the initial of required apps are loaded. For devices purchased independently, these applications will need to be purchased and loaded in a timely manner. For devices purchased from Meyer Academy, the IT staff will assist with this process.

We hereby agree, by signing this technology contract, and by its acceptance by the Arthur I. Meyer Jewish Academy, to pay the total technology fees, regardless of any and all contingencies. We further understand that no portion of the fees so paid or outstanding will be refunded or canceled notwithstanding

the absence, withdrawal, or dismissal of the above student. In the event that the above student withdraws or is dismissed from the Meyer Academy prior to meeting the complete financial obligation for the technology device, the device will remain the property of the Meyer Academy. Furthermore, any student not returning a leased device will be charged for the \$750 less any prior payments made.

Applicable Law: This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. Venue and jurisdiction of any action or proceeding arising out of or connected with this agreement shall lie exclusively in the state courts of competent jurisdiction, in and for Palm Beach County, Florida, or the United States District Court, in Palm Beach County, Florida. The parties expressly waive all other jurisdiction and venue. The parties also waive trial by jury.

Attorneys Fees and Costs: In connection with any litigation, including appellate and bankruptcy proceedings arising out of this agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys fees and costs.

In consideration of the acceptance of this application by the Arthur I. Meyer Jewish Academy, I agree to pay the required fee and payments as specified above.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Dated