



# CALHAN SCHOOL DISTRICT



Dear Parents/Guardians of Students in Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>,

We are pleased to announce the continuation of the Calhan School Districts 1:1 iPad Initiative this year for students in grades 6-12. Recognizing the ever-increasing importance of digital technology in the lives of students, we are committed to providing our students with the 21<sup>st</sup>-century tools they need to be successful in a technology-dominated world. Students in 6-12 will be allowed to bring their iPads home at the end of the school day, with parental consent (“Responsible Use Agreement for iPads” with sign-off forms are available online at [www.calhanschool.org](http://www.calhanschool.org).) Please sign the required forms so that your child can use this powerful and productive educational tool to its fullest advantage. Our teachers are excited to be continuing this program in their classrooms, and look forward to using the iPads to create high quality, motivational learning experiences for our students.

The iPad has been proven to be a highly beneficial educational tool. It serves as a powerful research tool that provides access to the immense information found on the Internet for a fraction of the cost of a laptop. The combination of the iPad, the Smartboards (interactive whiteboards), the LCD projector, and the Apple TV (an iPad compatible projection system) provides a 21<sup>st</sup>-century learning environment capable of delivering high quality video recording, sound recording, and photographing, thus promoting engaging instruction differentiated for the needs of each student. As textbooks continue to progress from printed to digital content, the iPad will provide access to this new, more powerful content at a lower cost and better efficiency than buying printed textbooks. In addition to using the iPad as an educational tool that helps students master curriculum content, it will provide the ability to further teach our students how to be a productive digital citizens in a safe way. Calhan students need to have the ability to create and maintain an appropriate digital identity, understand and evaluate the validity of the information that they obtain digitally, and successfully communicate in the technology-driven world.

The rollout days and evenings for students will be:

- August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 AM – 7 PM
- August 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM – 7 PM
- August 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM – 7 PM

All families with students from 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to come during these three days, whichever times fit your schedules, to checkout the needed device for the 2016/2017 school year.

During this time, we will check out devices to students who have met all paperwork and financial requirements. The Technology Staff will also be available during these times to help with any issues that may arise during setup and answer any iPad/1-1 related questions. There will also be an area setup to collect insurance payments if needed. Please read carefully through the iPad Packet before signing as it has all of the details of the 1-1 initiative.



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**Students will Need...** In order to get their iPad in 2016

**-Signed Handbook Agreement-**

The handbook agreement is also the User Agreement for access to the district network. This must be signed (digitally) before an iPad can be issued and can be found at [www.calhanschool.org](http://www.calhanschool.org).

**-Insurance Fee (& Other Fees)-**

There is an annual \$50 insurance fee for the iPads. This insurance fee (as well as any other fees from last year) must be paid before an iPad can be issued. Procedures for Free & Reduced Lunch students can be found in the iPad packet on [www.calhanschool.org](http://www.calhanschool.org).

**-Access To An iTunes Account-**

It is suggested that parents help students setup of an iTunes account prior to getting their device. Students under the age of 13 will need to use an account that is under their parents.

**-If Your Student Will Not Be Bringing Their Device Home-**

If the student will be using the iPad only while at school they will still need the Handbook Agreement Form filled out.