



Bishop Verot Catholic High School is committed to providing our students with the best education possible. Because of the ever changing face of education, students today require different tools and strategies that were not available a decade ago. After months of discussion, testing, and research, Bishop Verot has selected the iPad as the cornerstone of our 1:1 technology program.

To assist you and your family through this transition, we have created a list of frequently asked questions and answers regarding the launch of our iPad program. Throughout the spring and summer we will keep our website up-to-date with information concerning the transition and as always, please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a 1:1 iPad program?

A 1:1 program represents the most comprehensive technology integration program available for instructional purposes. It requires that every student involved in the program have direct access to a personal computing device at all times.

How much will it cost? What does the cost cover? What are the options for payment?

Students will incur a separate annual technology fee for each year they attend Bishop Verot. This fee is in addition to tuition and cannot be waived nor reduced or eliminated by school sponsored tuition assistance.

Parents of incoming freshmen have the following options of payment of the fees:

1. All four years prior to June 1st, 2016 - \$1200. Parents choosing to pay in full will not incur any rate increase in the future.
2. Annual prior to June 1st each year - \$300. Rate subject to change.

The fee covers the cost of the iPad lease, all initial iTunes Apps, textbooks, MDM, LMS, initial cable/charger, and an iPad case. Following four full years at Bishop Verot, the iPad will be fully owned by the family if making payments. If paid in full prior to the freshmen year, the iPad will belong to the family upon graduation or the student leaving the school early.

Parents of incoming sophomores and juniors for the 2015-2016 school year have the following two options:

1. The above fees can be paid in full by May 1st or divided up over 2 years for juniors and 3 years for sophomores if the family would like to own the iPad upon student graduation.
2. Families may choose to pay the \$300 rental fee per year for each year the student attends Bishop Verot and turn the iPad back in upon graduation or leaving the school.

Is it covered under any insurance plan? What happens if I damage or lose?

Insurance is included in your yearly lease cost. Students will incur a \$150 deductible for each claim made and the school will repair the iPad. In the case of theft from a car or home, it may be covered under your personal insurance plan.

Do I need to purchase a case for the iPad?

Bishop Verot will provide a case for the iPad that students are required to use at all times.

What type of iPad?

The iPad model will be the latest Apple iPad with Retina Display available to the school with 64 GB of memory. New freshmen enrolled for the 2014-2015 school year receive the iPad Air.

Why the iPad and not netbooks/laptops?

The iPad is a lightweight and versatile device with all the power and speed of a laptop. The iPad requires minimal maintenance, connects to thousands of applications and textbook licenses via the iTunes store, and when fully charged can run for up to 10 hours.

My child already has an iPad; can he/she use it?

Incoming freshman students starting with the class of 2017 will be required to lease their iPads through Bishop Verot. The students will have this iPad for all four years at Bishop Verot. Upon graduation, students will own the iPad outright.

Can I opt out of participating in the 1:1 program?

No. All students will be engaged in instruction through the iPad medium.

How will you manage the devices?

Bishop Verot will utilize a Mobile Device Management suite installed on each iPad. The MDM suite allows us to register each device on our server, where we can control the settings of the device, apply rules, and remotely lock/wipe and send out over the air software updates.

Is it restricted solely for school purposes? Can I put personal info on it- personal apps, photos, etc?

Students are encouraged to integrate their iPad into their everyday life. So long as the content is appropriate and does not violate any policies written in the handbook, students may upload pictures, download personal apps, and use the web freely.

During the school day, games and social networking during class is prohibited.

Is a credit card required to download and install software?

The student is required to have an iTunes account prior to setting up their iPad. This account has to be verified with a credit card to ensure an adult is setting up the account. After it is verified on the iPad, the credit card can be removed. It is suggested students get an iTunes gift card to carry a balance on their account vs. a credit card. The school will purchase required apps/books for students and place on their iPad through our MDM suite.

Will my child use the iPad in every course?

The iPad will be the student's tool to use at school. Bishop Verot has implemented a professional development program with all teachers on the use of the iPad in the classroom. It is used in every course, but may vary based on subject area. The expectation is that the iPad will be utilized across all disciplines as a tool for interactive presentations, data gathering and analysis, creative writing, and in class processing of content. Students will use Canvas for accessing all course content.

My child participated in an after-school club, activity, or sport. Who is responsible for the safe-keeping of the iPad?

We highly recommend that students leave their iPad in their **locked** school-assigned locker when participating in home or away after-school events; however, they should not be left overnight due to exposure of outdoor elements.

What happens if the iPad is lost or stolen?

Students are responsible for all personal items they bring to school. Students who leave their iPads in their lockers should have a lock to secure it in that location. Families are responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen devices. Students will be trained on how to create secure logins to their programs and devices as part of an orientation program this summer.

What happens when I graduate- do I keep it or is it the schools property?

If a student leases an iPad for all four years and graduates from Bishop Verot, they will own the iPad. After graduation, the school will remove the MDM system, thus taking the schools' control off of the iPad.

When will they receive it? Will there be any training?

Students will receive their iPad during the 2 weeks leading up to the first day. They are required to attend a 3 hour training session. This involves enrollment and setup of the device as well as training on the iPad in Notability and Canvas.