



### 1. What is the recommended iPad and what are the minimum requirements?

For students new to Stuart or students who are replacing/upgrading we recommend an iPad with WiFi only (cellular data is not needed) and **64 GB** of memory. Newer models may not offer a 64 GB option, and in this case, we recommend 128 GB.

The iPad Retina Display is acceptable, as long as the iPad has **64 GB** of memory.

### 2. Why was the iPad chosen over other brand mobile devices?

In the course of selecting the iPad, the technology services department evaluated other devices in addition to the iPad. The iPad was selected for many reasons including:

- Stuart teachers have invested much time in iPad specific training, curriculum and class preparation.
- Stuart has made a significant financial investment in professional development and software applications.
- Students and faculty are familiar and comfortable with the operation and features of the iPad.

### 3. Is it okay to use an iPad Mini?

Although the iPad Minis have comparable hardware to the larger models, they are strongly discouraged because we feel the small screen size inhibits the ability to adequately take notes.

### 4. Can I use my iPhone instead of the iPad?

No. The iPhone does not meet our minimum requirements.

### 5. Should I get an external keyboard?

Yes. We suggest that you do your own research to find the best iPad accessories for your daughter's needs. Keyboards often are combined with cases. We have noticed the students using the Belkin Keyboard Folio and Zagg Zaggfolio external keyboards.

### 6. Should I get a case?

Yes. Again, we suggest that you do your own research to find the best iPad accessories for your daughter's needs. We have noticed the students using the Roocase and Otterbox cases.

### 7. Should I get insurance?

We recommend insurance. Prices vary. Coverage for theft or loss will increase the cost of insurance. Two examples are:

- AppleCare+ for iPad extends your coverage to two years from the original purchase date of your iPad and adds up to two incidents of accidental damage coverage, each subject to a \$49 service fee plus applicable tax. It does not cover loss or theft. Cost \$99.
- Square Trade [www.squaretrade.com](http://www.squaretrade.com). Coverage starts at \$89 for two years. It does not cover loss or theft.

### 8. Does the school provide tech support for student iPads?

Stuart offers iPad Boot Camp to new iPad users. We also provide software training through the Technology Integration Department. Stuart provides basic support for operation of the iPad on the school's wireless network. We are not able to provide support for any hardware related issues. Additionally, we are not able to provide support for home computer networks.

### 9. Will the school provide loaners in the event that my daughter's iPad is out for repair?

We may have a limited pool of loaners that will be available for short-term use.

### 10. What apps are required for the iPads?

- iWork Suite – Pages, Keynote and Numbers come preinstalled on the iPad
- Notability – a code to install Notability will be supplied by Stuart
- Additional apps may be needed and will be specified on the teacher supply list or teachers may send home notice during the school year.