



Dear Incoming MBMS 6th Grade Parent,

The move to middle school is an exciting time for our 5th graders. Many growth opportunities await them, one of which is the use of an iPad in class and at home. Having already used the iPad in 5th grade gives them a great advantage, and as a 6th grader they'll be able to use the device to organize classwork, homework and so much more.

The 2018-19 school year will also be an exciting time for MBMS. When your child comes to MBMS this fall, he or she will be part of a technology-enhanced curriculum that has received local, state and national recognition. We have had many years to learn how to best utilize technology in the classroom, and your child will be the beneficiary of that experience. I am so proud of the work that our teachers have done. Their outstanding teaching has been enhanced by the power of technology, and their desire for continuous improvement is inspiring. Technology is being utilized more effectively every year as a tool to reach and engage all students. It's going to be a great year.

The purpose of this letter is to explain the options for obtaining an iPad for your student for the 2018-2019 school year, and to share some key next steps. The program last year was made possible because over 84% of MBMS parents expressed willingness to lease, purchase, or use an iPad that they already owned for their child. As I have said many times, I am so appreciative of being in a community where parents and businesses are so supportive of schools. We still need your support in order to continue on our journey of preparing our students as 21st century learners. **Please review the attached steps for further detail and respond by July 1, 2018.**

Your child will learn how to use eBackpack, note-taking Apps, cloud storage, and other iPad basics in their Humanities classes during the first week of school. We will also address Internet safety issues in class.

If you have any questions about any aspect of this program, please contact me directly. My email address is included below.

Thank you and we look forward to another amazing year!

Sincerely,

Kim Linz
Principal, Manhattan Beach Middle School
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STEP ONE: SELECT AN OPTION TO OBTAIN AN IPAD FOR YOUR CHILD

- a. Parents can buy an iPad or can use an iPad that they already own. This has been the prime choice of our parents, and again, we are very appreciative.
 - o The iPad should be an iPad 4 or newer. iPad Minis are also acceptable. 32GB is recommended.
 - o We strongly prefer that it be a wireless-only iPad, or that the 3G services not be activated.
 - o Parents can purchase the district recommended Apps on their own, or have the district provide the Apps. The suggested donation for this three-year service is \$50. This includes any Apps purchased over the course of the three-year MBMS experience. The starter list for 6th graders can be found [here](#).
- b. Parents can borrow an iPad Mini 2 from the MBMS library. This will be treated like a textbook. It is free of charge, but, like a textbook, if the iPad Mini 2 is willfully lost or damaged, the student is responsible for the cost. Parents may want to consider optional insurance.

We hope we can continue to count on continued parent generosity – this program is affordable to MBUSD because between 75% and 84% of parents choose option A. Thank you for your support.

STEP TWO: DETERMINE WHETHER TO OBTAIN OPTIONAL IPAD INSURANCE

We recommend that you consider insuring your iPad in case something happens to the device. It is also recommended that a strong case that protects the corners of the iPad be purchased. Below you will find a brief description about different insurance options. Please review each option carefully before selecting your choice. Insuring the device is optional.

- **[AppleCare+](#)** Every iPad comes with one year of hardware repair coverage through its [limited warranty](#) and up to [90 days of complimentary support](#). 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.
- **Credit Card** If you purchase an iPad with your MasterCard, Visa, or American Express that has a warranty extension feature; this is another way to cover the device. Start by verifying whether you have it and ask for a copy of the plan. Most Platinum and Gold cards offer this service free of charge. This free service will provide a second year of warranty coverage, during which the credit card company will pay for repairs. It is important to keep the receipt for the device and the billing statement showing the purchase to use this warranty. Call your credit card company and ask for details.
- **Independent Insurance Companies** Many independent insurance companies are available as well. Various options exist online. It is recommended that each policy is reviewed in detail before selecting a coverage option. Each policy covers different types of damage, as well as can be purchased for different amounts of time.

Important: Review each policy closely before making your final selection.

STEP THREE: COMPLETE THE CHECKLIST FOR IPAD REGISTRATION 2018-2019

For your convenience, you will find a checklist below for the iPad Program for the 2018-2019 school year. All incoming students must complete and submit a registration form to indicate their selection by **July 1, 2018**. Please complete the form on page 4 of this document, print it, attach a check (if needed), and drop off or mail to:

**MBUSD iPad Program
Manhattan Beach Middle School
1501 North Redondo Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266**

Checklist:

- Determine how you will obtain an iPad.
- Complete and submit the first page of the registration form (page 4 of this document).
- If you choose to donate \$50 for Apps purchases, please attach that check to your form.
- Investigate insurance and register your device (optional).

PLEASE WRITE YOUR STUDENT'S NAME IN THE MEMO SECTION OF THE CHECK FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Additional resources have been created for students, parents, and teachers. Below are resources that have been found useful for parents.

1. An [iPad Program and APPS 2018-2019 - How To Guide](#) is available on the MBMS Waves website.
2. A [YouTube page](#) has also been created where you can access helpful videos about the functionality of the iPad, how to monitor student use on the iPad, and much more.
3. Information is also located on the MBUSD iPad Program link on the district's website.
4. [Common Sense Media](#) also provides a wealth of resources that parents and students can access.

MBMS IPAD PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____
 Parent Name: _____ Parent Email: _____

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ITEM (SELECT ONE OR MORE OF THE OPTIONS BELOW)	Quantity (0 or 1)	Price	Total
Purchase a new iPad from an outside vendor or use my own iPad/Please indicate the serial number. Serial Number _____ _____		\$0.00	\$0.00
Apps for 2018-19 Optional donation to help cover Apps cost		\$50.00	
Borrowed iPad for 2018-19 Check out similar to a textbook. iPad Pick-Up Date: 8/17/18 or 8/20/18 after MBMS 6th grade Orientation		\$0.00	\$0.00
Total			

I agree to participate in the MBMS iPad Program, in the manner selected above, for the 2018-19 school year.

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

For questions, please email Kim Linz, Principal, Manhattan Beach Middle School
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