

Dear SMS Families:

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! All Scarsdale Middle School students currently have a 1:1 iPad. For students and teachers, this device is an important part of our instructional program, allowing students to access a single device with all their content. We've included an FAQ below to help prepare you and your children for the new school year.

Are there any required forms I need to complete?

Yes, we need all families to [complete the electronic acknowledgement](#) form by October 1, 2024. Please review the documents below before submitting the form.

- Scarsdale Schools Technology Responsible Use Board of Education Policy [LINK](#)
- Student iPad Use Guidelines at SMS [LINK](#)

Do I need to purchase insurance?

For students in grades 6-8, we strongly recommend that you purchase insurance to avoid paying the full cost of repair or replacement of damaged devices that travel to and from home. We recommend purchasing the reasonably-priced (\$30) insurance policy the district has made available through [AKKO](#).

You will need your Student ID number and iPad serial number for the insurance. For your convenience, we have included it here:

Student:

Student ID Number:

iPad Serial Number:

How do we charge devices at home?

Students have been given a charger to charge their iPad each night. These chargers are distributed in sixth grade and will be kept at home until the end of 8th grade.

Can my child use the iPad for non school-related work?

The school issued iPads are for school use only. Any non school-related activities such as games, video watching, etc. should be done on a personal device. This has been communicated with the students during the Responsible Use Policy (RUP) talk the Computer Teachers did in each classroom this week.

Do the devices have web filtering?

While our students are in school, their devices access our network via a district Internet content filter, which helps to prevent students from accessing inappropriate images and websites. A similar content filter will be used on school-issued iPads when they are outside of school. Because no Internet filter is perfect, we recommend proactive parental monitoring of your child's use of the school iPad.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We look forward to a wonderful year of learning!

Sincerely,

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