



BLUFFTON-HARRISON METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

"A LEARNING COMMUNITY WHERE A QUALITY EDUCATION EMPOWERS
ALL STUDENTS TO LEARN AND ACHIEVE TO THEIR FULL POTENTIAL."

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, students at Bluffton-Harrison M.S.D. will begin the fourth year of the district's 1:1 Digital Learning Initiative using Apple iPads in every classroom in every grade level. The mission of the initiative serves to use technology effectively to increase student engagement thereby increasing student achievement in all areas. The district will hold grade-level informational meetings at the Bluffton High School Cafetorium covering iPad setup, responsible use, and textbook rental fees at the dates and times listed below:

Tuesday, August 4th			Thursday, August 6th	
12th Grade & 8th Grade	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.		10th Grade & 6th Grade	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
11th Grade & 7th Grade	7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.		9th Grade & 5th Grade	7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Households with more than one student in 5th grade through 12th grade need only attend one meeting.*

Returning students must use their Apple ID (email address) from the prior year in order to retain all iPad apps and files at the end of the last school year. If students do not remember their Apple ID password from the prior school year, students must attempt to reset their Apple ID password at iforgot.apple.com.

Prior to attending the iPad informational meeting, **all fifth grade students and all new students** must have an Apple ID and bring the created username/password to the meeting with them. If students are unable to create an Apple ID prior to attending a meeting, school personnel will be available to assist in creating an Apple ID. All 6th through 12th grade students are asked to bring a Student ID card to be used during the iPad assignment process. Temporary Student ID cards will be provided for 5th grade students. Directions for creating an Apple ID can be found on the school's website (www.bhmsd.org) under the heading "BHMSD 1:1 Initiative Information."

Following each iPad informational meeting, school personnel will hand out iPads to grades 5 through 12 for the 2015-2016 school year. In order for students in grades 5 through 12 to take an iPad home, the iPad must be in a case that provides protection for the front, back, and corners. BHMSD has done extensive reviews of cases to determine the best option in everyday use and protection. The district's newly recommended case that provides increased protection from damages will be available immediately following each meeting at a discounted price of \$30.00. Cash payment or checks made payable to "BHMSD" will be accepted.

For additional information, please visit the district's website (www.bhmsd.org) for details on the upcoming iPad informational meetings, a frequently asked questions list, and other school information. For further inquiries, please contact Bluffton-Harrison M.S.D. Central Office at (260) 824-2620.

Sincerely,

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