

## **5th Grade Self-Contained Apple iPad Classroom Information**

We would like to provide you with information regarding the Apple Classroom for the 2021-2022 school year. This program will utilize the Apple Classroom Application to manage a One-to-One Blended Learning classroom environment. If you would like your child to be considered for participation in this program, please complete the survey by clicking on the link "Registration & Orientation Packets" under "Parents" on the Meigs website, or by clicking the link in the email that will be sent to you. To be considered, the survey must be completed by June 3, 2021.

### **Requirements:**

1. Every student in the Apple Classroom will need to own/purchase one of the following iPad models, **in addition to** their MNPS laptop: iPad Mini (newest model), iPad, iPad Air or iPad Pro (running iPad OS 14 or newer).
2. Every student will need to own/purchase a protective case with Bluetooth keyboard and earbuds or headphones.
3. Your child must attend the "Meigs 101" Orientation (1/2 day on Wednesday, July 28, 2021).
4. A parent/guardian (preferred) or adult designee must attend the Parent Orientation in the cafeteria at 12 pm on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 (at the end of Meigs 101).
5. Give consent for your child's participation in this program. (You will have an opportunity to re-apply for the Sixth Grade Self-Contained Apple iPad Classroom; however, you will **not** be *guaranteed* placement.)
6. Attend a session on successfully managing your child's iPad. (Multiple sessions will be offered, and dates will be announced after rosters are selected.)

### **Other Considerations:**

- Classes will be balanced based on the diversity rules applied to all homeroom classes (ex: considering gender, ability, ethnicity, etc.).
- If you would like your child to participate in the iPad Self-Contained Classroom but cannot afford a compliant iPad, please complete the survey as well. A minimum of 10% of the spaces available will be reserved for students who qualify as economically disadvantaged. We will provide iPads for these students to use during class.
- If you are selected, we will email you with instructions to accept your child's position and to confirm you have met eligibility requirements. This will need to be done by within two weeks of receiving your acceptance letter. If your position is not accepted and requirements are not met by the designated time, we will withdraw your child from the roster and enroll another student from the waiting list.

### **iPad Self-Contained Classroom Q & A:**

#### **1. Question: How is a One-to-One Self-Contained Classroom structured?**

Answer: At Meigs, our two One-to-One Self-Contained Classrooms (one in 5th Grade and one in 6th Grade) each consist of a class of students who receive all of their academic instruction in one classroom instead of switching throughout the day to multiple classrooms. Academic expectations are the same as all other 5th grades classes. In these Apple One-to-One Classrooms, Blended Learning is used, and each student has his/her own iPad. Students still attend lunch, recess, and Related Arts outside of their self-contained classroom.

#### **2. Question: What is Blended Learning?**

Answer: Blended Learning combines online digital media with traditional classroom methods. It also uses some aspects of a flipped learning environment. As defined, flipped learning strategies use class time to do activities and lessons (guided by the teacher) and "homework" time for guided instruction, usually through video. Basically, it turns a classroom upside down: the learning of a topic might be done at home and then the applied practice or work is done at school.