

6th Grade Self-Contained Apple iPad Classroom Information

We would like to provide you with information regarding the Apple Classroom for the 2023-2024 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 (meigsacademigmagnet.org), or by clicking the link in the email that will be sent to you. To be considered, the survey must be completed by April 21, 2023.

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 16 or newer).
2. Every student will need a protective case with Bluetooth keyboard and earbuds or headphones.
3. Your child must attend "Meigs 101" Orientation (1/2 day on Friday, July 28, 2023).
4. A parent (preferred) or adult designee must attend the Parent Orientation in the cafeteria at 12 pm on Friday, July 28, 2023 (at the end of Meigs 101).
5. Give consent for your child's participation in this program.

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 Apple Classroom but cannot afford a compliant iPad, you are still welcome to complete the application. 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 prove you have met eligibility requirements. This will need to be done 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 vacate your child's spot and fill it with another student from the wait list.

iPad Apple Classroom Q & A:

1. Question: How is a One-to-One iPad Apple Classroom structured?

Answer: At Meigs, our One-to-One iPad Apple Classroom consists of a class of students who receive all of their academic instruction in one classroom instead of switching throughout the day to multiple classrooms. In this Apple One-to-One Classroom, Blended Learning is used, and each student has his/her own iPad. Students attend lunch, recess, and Related Studies with other 6th Grade students.

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.



James Parsons, in his upcoming 21st year at Meigs Academic Magnet, will be teaching 6th grade in an iPad one-to-one classroom. The sixth grade Apple Classroom allows all students in the class to use an iPad of their own to receive and produce learning. James has been practicing a blended learning model using app-smashing for students over the course of the past decade. His passion for integrating technology has been ongoing for many years.

James Parsons is in his 33rd year of teaching and currently is a self-contained 6th grade teacher at Meigs Magnet School, Nashville, TN. He is on the school leadership team, past Presidential Award Winner (PAEMST), four-time teacher of the year, and facilitates professional development in mathematics for teachers working with Middle Tennessee State University and surrounding county school systems. Since 2012, Mr. P has taught in a 1-1 iPad classroom where his vision about education has been transformed! Mr. P loves teaching with technology. He works to make learning meaning and engaging for his students through a technology lens.

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 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. In these Apple One-to-One classrooms, blended learning is utilized, and each student has his/her own iPad. Students still attend lunch, recess, and related studies outside 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 and learning platforms. 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.