

Personal Device Requirements for 2017-18

Incoming 6th graders and all new 6th,7th, and 8th graders

For the 2017 – 2018 school year, students in 6th-8th grade will be required to have an iPad as their personal device. We are working toward having every student on the same device platform in the middle school and the iPad will provide many opportunities for learning to be taken to new heights here at Bethlehem Lutheran School. Below you will find the minimum requirements for the iPad that will need to be purchased before the first day of school.

We have decided to go with the iPad as it provides the most options for apps for education and the ability to reduce the amount of paper through electronic submitting of assignments. The iPad also allows for 10 hours of battery life, easy to use, parent controls, and 'Apps' that enable specific learning activities, personalize instruction, address different learning styles, and create interactive classrooms. The iPad is also much easier to transport to and from school as it is lighter and fits in the backpack.

The following is the minimum requirements that the iPad must have for school:

1. iPad Air 2 or iPad Air (NO mini iPads)*
2. 16GB of memory
3. Case or cover

*the reason for no mini iPads is the online Science textbook and assignments needs the larger screen size.

We will inform you of a list of required apps that your child's iPad will need to have downloaded for the first day of school later on this spring. Many of the apps are free and a few have a very minimal charge. All in all, the cost of the iPad will be approximately the same as a laptop and you will find it to be more reliable. This device will take your child all the way through middle school and beyond. If you have any questions, please talk to Mr. Karges or Mr. Soderstrom.