

Dear Rising Fourth & Fifth Grade Parents,

As most of you know, all fourth and fifth grade students at Maclay School are required to have an iPad that they can bring to school each day. The iPad is used daily in the classroom and is considered an integral part of the curriculum and classroom participation. It is imperative that each student have their own iPad that is logged into their own individual Student Apple ID. To get your student and their iPad prepared for the fall, please complete the following steps before July 27, 2022.

1. Purchase/allocate an iPad for your student. This year we are also asking each student to have a bluetooth/external keyboard. We have introduced a typing program into the curriculum and the touch screen keyboard on the iPad is not appropriate when learning to type. All requirements for the device can be found on the following page and on the Maclay website.
2. Create an Apple ID for a child. Students in grade levels participating in our iPad one to one program are required to have an Apple ID for a child under the age of 13. This is a special Apple ID that Apple has for anyone under 13. Apple will only allow this Child Apple ID to be created as part of their Family Sharing. This means you first need an Apple ID as a parent, then within Apple Family Sharing, you can create an Apple ID for a Child.

Note, an Apple ID for a child can only be created as an @icloud.com address.

Please follow the steps in these articles:

(If you already have a parent Apple ID) Family Sharing, add Apple ID for child under 13.

<https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201084>

(If you as a parent do not yet have an Apple ID) Here is how a parent can create an Apple ID through iTunes on either a computer or the iPad.

<https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT204316>

Reminder: When creating the Apple ID for a child, please be sure to follow these rules for creating the password.

This is important as we will transition to use the same password for all the student's Maclay accounts.

- at least 7 characters long
- has Upper case letters, lower case letters, numbers, and a special character
- does not contain any part of the student's name

Closer to the start of the 2022-2023 school year, you will be sent a list of apps that need to be downloaded onto the iPad before the first day of school. There will also be a Tech 101 session for parents on the day of back-to-school Orientation (Aug. 8). Time is TBD.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the technology department (850-894-0911 or helpdesk@maclay.org) or Lauren Holland, LS Computer Science Teacher, (lholland@maclay.org).