

The iPad System

by Austin B.

As of this year grades 5-8 have received iPads to keep for school. Plenty of students enjoy them, but many students see them more as a toy than an educational tool. Many of the students' iPads have games on them. Some students know when to properly use it, but there are a lot of people playing games during class. It is also harder for students to do their homework. From checking for homework every day, to bringing and turning it in daily, this privilege can be annoying and overwhelming to many students. Pencil and paper quizzes are much easier than online quizzes, and someone might look up the answers with their iPad. Pencil and paper aren't the best, though. With the iPads, you can't forget your homework at home, and it's much faster for some people to type than write. You also don't need to make sure you have a pencil every day, but that wasn't that much of a problem. With pencil and paper you'll probably have stacks of paper in your folders, binders, etc. iPads are like one giant organizer, but if you lose or break your iPad, everything will be gone. So I have asked some students what they think about the iPad system.

1. Q: Do you think the iPad system is good? Why or why not?

"I don't like it because they put work on it without us knowing." ~ Nikolas A.

"I think it's good, because it helps us learn in a fun, new way." ~ Colton H.

"I don't like it because it's hard to do work." ~ Ariana M.

2. Q: Do you think the work is harder for the iPad, or easier?

Nikolas A. A: Yes

Colton H. A: No

Ariana M. A: Yes

3. Q: Do you think they are an educational tool, or a toy, Why or why not?

"I think it's a toy because more people play on it than do their work or learn." ~ Nikolas A.

"I think it's a toy because people are sneaking games while the teachers aren't looking." ~ Colton H.

"I think it's a toy because people mostly text and play on it." ~ Ariana M.

This doesn't automatically mean that the iPads are a bad idea, or that all students don't like them. There are different factors to be thought about.

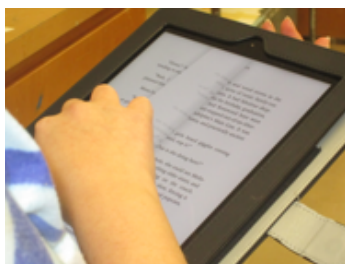


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TIPS AND TRICKS FOR YOUR IPAD

by Taylor A.

1. Swipe two fingers across the keyboard to split your keyboard in half.
2. Put your iPad in airplane mode when you're charging.
3. Lower the brightness when you don't need it to save battery power.
4. Click the volume button to take a picture (only when in camera mode).
5. Invert your screen colors when using at night. Go to Settings>General>Accessibility>Turn on Invert Colors.
6. Swipe right to left to get rid of a banner notification.
7. Double push home button and clear all apps for faster wi-fi and longer battery life.
8. Turn off Bluetooth when not in use to save battery power.
9. Swipe down from top of screen to view notifications.



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