

What are Mr. McLaughlin's expectations about bringing my iPad to class?

Your iPad is a resource similar in necessity to a textbook or your calculator. It is expected that you bring your iPad to class each period (effective October 1, 2013). It is mandatory that your iPad and keyboard have enough battery to perform any assigned tasks. You should plan on charging your iPad at home every night. iPads may not be charged in the classroom as this needs to be done on your time and more importantly it is a classroom safety hazard.

But I'm sitting *right next* to an outlet!

Get next to an outlet at home.

What about the iPad using battery power in other classes before I come to math?!

If you begin each school day with a full charge you will have **no** problem getting through the day with enough battery for each class' assigned tasks. If you find yourself running out of battery this is because you have been using your iPad for applications that are not-school related. Unless a technology malfunction is verified by the NDA tech department, being unable to use your iPad because of battery life is similar to coming into class without a pencil and paper. Avoid downloading apps and playing games or video as this will eat up a significant portion of your battery life.

What do I do with my iPad when I enter class?

Your iPad is not to be used until written or verbal instruction/permission is granted by Mr. McLaughlin. Your iPad should remain closed and in your bag or at the top right corner of your desk during class. You are to **NEVER** have your iPad in your lap or underneath your desk.

May I use my iPad in class *before* the bell rings?

Only if the 5 Minute Math assignment requires you to use your iPad. Otherwise, no.

When can I use my iPad during class?

You may use your iPad only when Mr. McLaughlin explicitly instructs you to do so. If you feel the need to use your iPad at a different time, you must receive permission from Mr. McLaughlin first.

How will I know when I can no longer use my iPad during class?

Mr. McLaughlin will let you know when he expects your iPads to be put away. He will give you a thirty or forty five second warning to put away your iPad. If you do not have your iPad closed before that time passes you will be in violation of this policy.

May I take pictures or record sound/video in class?

No. Unless explicit instruction is given to use the camera or recording functions you may not do so. This is also specified in the NDA/JA iPad user agreement you signed.

May I listen to audio during individual work?

No. It is expected that the sound features of your iPad are disabled or on mute when you enter class.

Is Siri joining our class?

No. The Lord has created us for each other. We are made to have interaction with other human beings. Siri is expelled from our class—and I don't feel bad about it because Siri doesn't have emotion or feelings. She can't love us like we can love one another.

May I take notes with my iPad?

I have not decided a specific policy for this yet? You are always expected to be prepared to take notes with pencil and paper in your binder. What are your thoughts?

Can I download an app during class?

No. Unless explicitly assigned to do so by Mr. McLaughlin.

Can I use a stylus pen use with my iPad?

Yes you may although you need to provide this by your own means.

What apps may I use when doing work in class or at home?

You may only use apps specifically approved by Mr. McLaughlin for the work assigned for your math course.

Will I have to download apps for math class?

Yes. Mr. McLaughlin will assign certain apps to be downloaded and organized into a labeled group on your iPad display. This is not optional.

Will I have to pay for an app to use in math class?

No. Mr. McLaughlin will never require you to pay for an app. If you would like to purchase a recommended or approved app that is *not* required for class you will need to do so by your own means (for example, math flashcards or math quizzes). I'd recommend loading an iTunes gift card into your apple account to do so. If you need help doing this see the iPad help desk or Mr. McLaughlin (not during class time).

What if I want to use an app Mr. McLaughlin doesn't know about?

Good question. I'm glad you asked. Mr. McLaughlin is new to using the iPad as well. In fact, many of you are probably more iPad fluent than he! Please set up a time to meet with Mr. McLaughlin and show him the app you're recommending and explain how you think it will benefit your learning. You may also email Mr. McLaughlin with a link and *detailed* description about the app and how you think it will benefit your learning. Mr. McLaughlin will have a list of approved math homework apps and perhaps recommended math study apps in room 116.

How do you know if I used an unapproved app to do my homework?

I don't. As I've stated before, you are ultimately in charge of your own learning. The characteristic required to make the right choice when an alternative is easier, more attractive and often more popular is called integrity. *Quoting the NDA/JA Student Statement as written on page 10 in your handbook (emphasis added):*

We are the girls of Notre Dame. **We are connected by our faith in God and in one another.**

We surround ourselves with Laughter and the knowledge that we are all beautiful.

We are strong, confident women and we acknowledge that each individual has the power to improve the world with boldness and creativity.

We have a mission to uphold the ideals of community, honesty, friendship, and love. We trust ourselves and each other to maintain a level of integrity, in our academics as well as in our personal lives.

As students of Notre Dame Academy, we accept responsibility for the consequences of our actions.

This is who we are.

This is what we do.

This is what we bring to the future.

Can I check my email during class?

No. Unless Mr. McLaughlin asks you to check your email to retrieve a message or file specific to the math lesson. Even if your mother said she was going to email you about a ride home. Or what time practice is over. Not in class.

But my email icon says I have 5 new emails in my inbox!

They will still be there after school. Emails don't feel disrespected if you're not paying attention to them. Your teacher does. That's because he's a human being.

If I get done with my work, can I use my iPad?

It depends. Default answer: no. If you have a specific math-related task you'd like to use the iPad for after you're done with an assignment you must receive verbal permission from Mr. McLaughlin before you begin.

What happens if someone sends me an iMessage during class?

Ignore it. Don't reply. Don't do it. Don't do it. I don't care who it's from. Don't do it. Just don't do it.

Can I lose my iPad privileges in class?

Yes. Failure to comply with the expectations and policies of iPad use *can* and *may* result in the *loss* of iPad privileges during class for an indefinite amount of time.

Are there any school related disciplinary consequences if I fail to follow the iPad policy?

Yes. Three point demerit. Although I don't expect to issue many.

What if I have a question that is not covered in this document?

Ask. When in doubt, ask. When you're not sure, ask. You can never go wrong by asking.

Can these policies change?

All policies are fluid to adapt to the needs of those they are written for. So yes, of course they are capable of changing. Mr. McLaughlin has the capability to do so—although you will always be notified. This document is considered to be an addendum to the original course syllabus received at the beginning of the year.

Your thoughts? Questions? Concerns?