



Mercy 2.0 Tech Plan

iPad + Google Apps



For seven years Mercy has been at the forefront of 1:1 computing. Next year, we swing into Mercy 2.0 as the ninth grade class becomes Mercy's first to adopt the iPad as their computing device. We will also be utilizing Google Apps for Education. This includes great tools like Google Docs, Gmail, Google Calendar and Google Sites.

As the computing world is changing to mobile, cloud, and touch screen computing, Mercy will be changing with it. Before the Class of 2016 arrives, our faculty will be receiving many hours of training on the iPad and Google Apps.

Lots of changes are in store, and we are in the process of working them out. Here are our best answers to a couple of frequently asked questions:

How much will the Mercy iPad cost?

The base model price of the Apple iPad is \$499 through most retail channels. Once the discounts that Mercy can pass along to families and any added cost for extra year warranty and software are added in, we expect the total cost to be in the \$500-\$600 range before accessories.

Can I buy my MHS iPad directly from Apple or use one I already have on hand?

No. Latest model iPads for the 2012-13 school year will be purchased directly from Mercy. They will be preloaded with many of the software apps that students will need to start the school year. The ongoing app acquisition process for school will be processed through our IT Department.

The standard Mercy iPad package will also include an extra year warranty and will also be discounted from the retail price. Recommended accessories will also be available for one stop shopping.

Will I be able to enjoy my Mercy iPad for personal use as well?

Absolutely! You'll be able to load your photos, music, and personal apps.

Further information on when and how you will be able to order an iPad will be forthcoming. In the meantime, you are welcome to send your questions to Associate Principal of Operations Larry Baker at lrbaker@mhsmi.org.

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