**Thread:** Professional

**Subgroup:** Individual/Group

**Foci:** All Faculty, All Departments

**Program Title:** IPad Technology Roll-out

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**Program Description:** Currently, teachers have received Ipads for use in the classroom. Beginning Fall 2012 Ipads will be required for years 1-3 strongly suggested for year 4. By Fall 2013Ipads required for all students. Teachers will be provided with ongoing live training in content specific groups, as well as ongoing individual continuing education sessions both online and with Educational Tech. Dept.

**Rationale:** To expand exponentially the immediate availability of information to teachers and students in the classroom.

**Leadership:** The program was developed by a variety of school administrators and Director of Educational Technology, in dialogue with faculty and student focus groups. Program falls under Director of Educational Technology who has secured a new hire to train faculty and administer help desk.

**Implementation:** 4 year process of waiting for the right device, with the right capacity, and retail symmetry. Once procured, Faculty rollout one semester and student rollout the next.

**Processes and Resources:**

* Upgrade of current tablet computers found to be cost prohibitive. Ipad seemed a better fit:
  + Cost effective (for about $600 students receive 1 ipad and 1 upgrade in 2 years, plus insurance.)
  + Longer battery life.
  + Light weight.
  + Walled garden of App Store (no inappropriate or pornographic apps) plus, Divice can run MOBIC IP (internet safe browser that complies with the Internet Child Protection Act.)
* Casper installed on all devises to manage what goes on them.
* Wrote grant for 32 Ipads for a sign-out program.
* Purchased Charging carts for charging and synching classroom sets (loner program)
* Joined Volume purchasing program to secure ½ price apps.
* Developed 45 minute initial un-boxing program and 6 month ongoing training program.
* Infrastructure set up in school to roll out 1000 ipads.

**Finances:** $160,000 outlay for teacher and loner ipads and staffing Department.

**Rewards:**

* Community wide training.
* Enhances teachers’ ability to access information.
* Reinforces *and* expands curriculum.
* Extends the classroom.
* Displaces some financial cost to school. (ie. Scantron)
* Overall reduction in material line to family (e-textbooks are cheaper)

**Time (When/Length):** 2 year rollout

**Location (Space):**

* Dept. office.
* Charging stations.
* Dedicated Help Desk space in library.

**Accountability/Assessment:** Ongoing training required in “Acceptable Use Contract”