

Email on May 18

Subject Line: Level Green – Your Child’s iPad and Summer School Participation

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Dear Parent:

Welcome to Hoffman Estates High School. All new students at Hoffman Estates High School are provided with an iPad as part of our school’s One-to-One learning model. Your child is receiving the iPad early due to participation in the 2020 summer school program and/or your child’s confirmed fall 2020 enrollment. All instruction this summer will be delivered online, and teachers have prepared lessons that take advantage of the iPad’s features and functions. You can find more details about the District’s [One-to-One program](#) and the [Technology Acceptable Use Policy](#) on the District 211 website.

You are invited to come to Hoffman Estates High School on May 26-27, and May 29 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in back of the school at Door 6A on the Northwest side of the building. On these days, staff members will be available to distribute devices using a contactless drive-up distribution system. We will not be handing out iPads on Thursday, May 28 due to Meal Bag Distribution.

You may be familiar with Illinois’ graduated driver license program that imposes controls on new drivers and gradually loosens those controls over time. This approach has helped teenage drivers develop safe habits on the road. Our school has implemented a comparable approach regarding the school-assigned iPad.

Specifically, your child’s school-assigned iPad has been configured to support educational goals. Students are not able to access the Apple App Store and are not able to download apps on their own. Rather, a predetermined set of apps have been made available in our school’s Self-Service catalog. Additional course-specific apps will be made available through Self-Service in the future as requested by individual classroom teachers.

In order to reduce distractions from learning, games, social media, and other tempting online interferences have been removed from your child’s iPad. Our goal is to prepare students for independent use of a web-connected device as they progress through high school and on-going support will be provided as students learn more about best practices in an online world. Additional information about specific supports will be shared with you as the school year begins in August.

We strongly encourage you to purchase the available iPad Protection Plan for your student’s iPad. Information about the [optional protection plan](#) is available on the District 211 website. The annual \$25 premium provides helpful coverage in the event the iPad is damaged, lost, or stolen. Premium payments can be made online using the *MySchoolBucks* app. See our District website for details about establishing your [free MySchoolBucks account](#) which will be used for all school-related financial transactions moving forward.

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If you have questions concerning the District’s One-to-One program, please contact our school’s Technology Department Chair, Christina Ordonez, via email at cordonez@d211.org.

We look forward to a successful four-year high school experience.

Sincerely,

Mike Alther
Principal-Elect

Christina Ordonez
Technology Department Chair

You received this electronic communication because you provided your email address to High School District 211. Changes or updates to your email address can be made using [Infinite Campus](#). If you have questions regarding any of the information contained within this email, please call the high school for assistance with your concern.

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