



## **Mobile Learning Program**

New Trier's one-to-one Mobile Learning Program (MLP) connects every student through the use of iPads. Since iPads were introduced into the New Trier classroom in 2010, feedback from the program has been overwhelmingly positive. These devices offer a unique set of features, creating opportunities for individualized learning, increased student engagement, and the transformation of teaching practices. All students entering New Trier are required to have an iPad for use in school. To learn more, you can go to: <http://www.newtrier.k12.il.us/ipads/>

### **PURCHASING AN iPad**

The District provides a subsidy to cover part of the cost of the iPad, and families will retain permanent ownership of the device after purchase. A shared cost between the District and families acknowledges that the iPad can be used at home and at school, for both educational and personal purposes. Families are allowed one subsidized iPad purchase per student over the course of four years. If a student is enrolled at New Trier and their enrollment status changes before they receive their device, a full refund can be issued. The portal for iPad purchases will open in early April.

### **ACQUISITION/TRAINING**

Students will receive information about how to purchase an iPad and how to schedule training as part of the purchasing process in the spring. During a 1.5 hour training session, students will receive a Digital Citizenship overview, download apps, review app functionality, and review the workflow of submitting assignments to teachers via the iPad. Training begins in late June and runs through the first day of school.

### **APPS**

Students will have access to a number of educational apps throughout the school year. In addition to core apps, students will have access to curriculum-specific apps; all apps necessary for learning will be provided by the District.

### **EBOOKS**

Some of the books your student will use next year will be accessed on their iPad. The use of digital textbooks provides significant cost savings for some families, depending on the eBooks being used for class(es). The cost of the iPad may be offset due to the lower cost of some digital textbooks.

### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

If you qualify for financial assistance from the District, you may also qualify for the iPad Loaner Program. For more information regarding how to apply for financial assistance from the District, please contact the Office of the Director of Student Life at (847) 784-2263.