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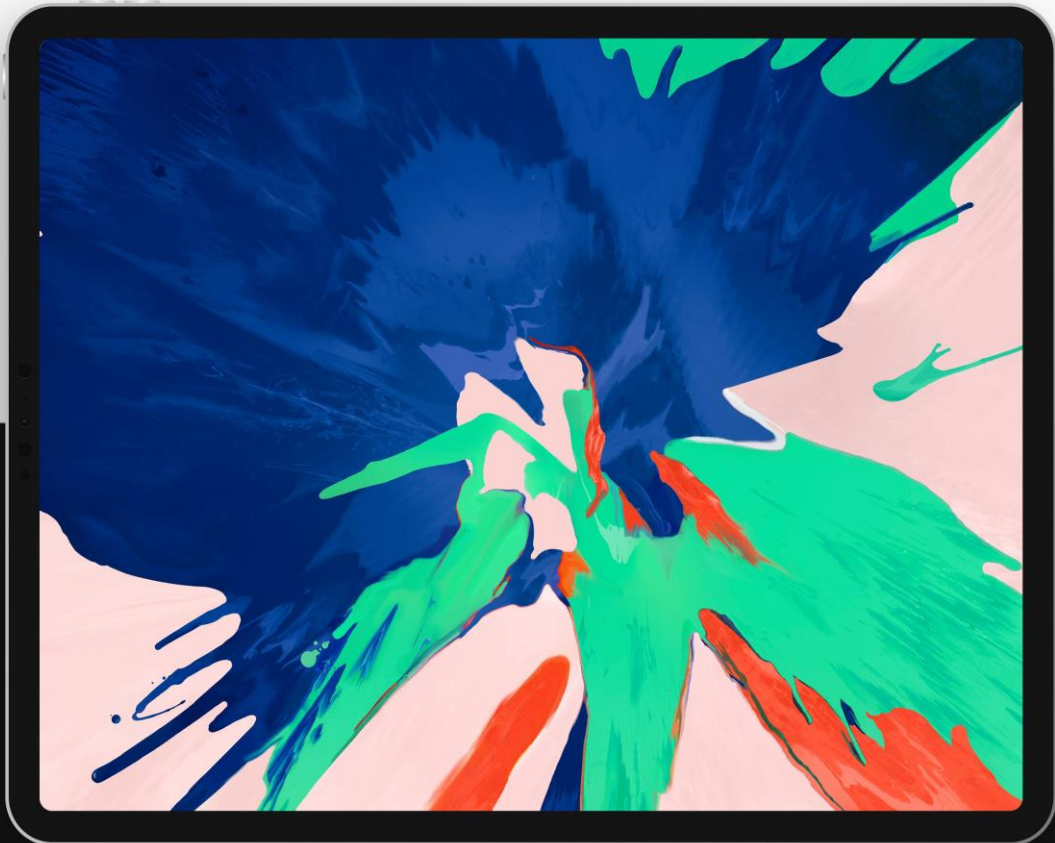
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BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

PARENT GUIDANCE

(2023 – 2024)

American School of Creative Science – Nad Al Sheba



Overview

Enhancing pedagogy has been at the forefront of teaching and learning here at ASCS NAS, since our inception. As we continue to develop and grow our practice further as a school, we look to new ways of enhancing student learning within the classroom and beyond

In September 2023, ASCS NAS will continue to implement its Digital Strategy initiative and more specifically, the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) scheme. The aim of this scheme is to provide a transformational and blended learning approach to 21st century teaching; ensuring that our students are future ready. This in turn, affords our students at ASCS NAS, a vast range of learning opportunities as well as the ability to access learning at any place and any time.

The BYOD scheme will require students in Grades 1 - 10 to purchase an iPad, appropriate case and Apple pencil so that they can access select resources and actively participate in digitally enhanced learning experiences. If you are a KG parent, you may also choose to purchase a device to help support any distance learning provision or as an opportunity to familiarize your child with a device, so they are well equipped to independently navigate and access learning platforms before the start of Grade 1.

This guide will provide you with the necessary details and information to help you better understand the hardware requirements and options available for you to purchase.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at: mdm@nas.ascs.sch.ae

Digital Strategy Team.

Managing Devices at ASCS NAS

At ASCS NAS we will use the “Mosyle” Mobile Device Management (MDM) system which means that all iPads (staff and students alike) are managed by the school.

This allows us to deploy apps to devices with ease as well as applying restrictions on the school network to ensure that the e-safety protocols are maintained.

There are many benefits to using an MDM with our devices:

When devices are <u>NOT</u> managed by the school	When devices are managed by the school
Lists of apps to install need to be sent home	Self-service—students can install school apps independently
Parents pay for educational apps	School pays for educational apps
Delays when installing apps	No delays—apps can be used as required
Safety protocols left to family discretion	School-wide safety protocols
	Time-stamped profiles (non-school apps not accessible during the school day)

By default, all devices will be connected 24/7 to the school’s MDM (Level 1), and we recommend that this is kept in place in order to ensure your child complies with the school’s Acceptable Use Policy as they will recognize that this device is for learning and school use only.

Level 1 (Default MDM Setting in place for all students):

The default setting for out of school hours is to continue with the same restrictions in school. Requests to expand the school’s choice of apps outside of school hours can be made by emailing mdm@nas.ascs.sch.ae as well as exceptions for individual students. The aim of this level is to help support consistency between home and school.



Level 2:

Some parents prefer to apply their own screen time management strategies at home and would not like any school restrictions in place when their child is at home. We respect the need for parental choice in this matter, so long as the consequent behaviors of students do not put others at risk. As a result, we ask parents to complete the [form here](#) indicating whether you as a parent would like complete relaxation of policies afterschool, and/or weekends and/or holidays. This will only need to be completed once. If you would like Level 2 access, once you have completed the online form, you must download a PDF copy, sign it, and send a signed copy of the completed form to mdm@nas.ascs.sch.ae from your registered email address. Your request can only be considered once we have received a PDF signed copy of the completed form. Any acceptable use violations will result in consequences of the school's behavior policy and related anti-bullying policies to be applied and could also result in loss of BYOD privilege in school.

Device Options



We have standardized the iPad models we use in Grade 1 and above to ensure that all of our students have consistent access to a range of technology, applications and can access transformational learning in a variety of ways.

The device that we recommend is the current **10.2 inch iPad, 2021, 9th Generation model, 64GB, Wi-Fi only**. This is because this model has been designed specifically for education and it shares features from the iPad Pro, but at a lower price. You can also make a comparison of this model against others by

visiting: <http://www.apple.com/ae/ipad/compare>

In line with ensuring college readiness, for our High School students, we recommend the **13-inch MacBook Air: Apple M1**.

What if you already have an iPad?

We do understand that some students will already have this iPad version or above, which is fantastic. There is no obligation for you to purchase another iPad, but we will require you to bring this device into school for us to configure correctly and ensure compatibility with our Mobile Device Management system. You are still able to purchase the Apple Pencil, Bluetooth keyboard and cases through our official partners (MDS).

If you have an iPad which is previous to the 2018 6th Generation model, we advise that you upgrade and invest in the new model through our suppliers, which will ensure compatibility with current Apps and allow your child a full and seamless learning experience within the classroom and beyond.

PLEASE NOTE: If a student will be bringing an iPad into school that was not purchased through our official partners (MDS), then the device will need to be erased and reset in order to be enrolled onto our Mobile Device Management system manually. With the appropriate backups, no content will be lost and all prior purchases on the device

can be reinstalled at no additional charge. More information about how to do this can be found later in this document.

Purchasing Through MDS



At ASCS NAS, we work directly with Apple Solution Experts (MDS) for sourcing iPads in our school. MDS can provide Parents with bespoke offers on a device as well as the ability to purchase additional peripherals such as the Apple Pencil, case, and Bluetooth keyboard.

KG2 to Grade 5: Apple Pencil and strong sturdy case must be purchased, in addition to the iPad device.

Grade 6 to 8: Apple Pencil, Bluetooth keyboard, and strong sturdy case must be purchased, in addition to the iPad device.



Grade 9 to 10: 13-inch MacBook Air: Apple M must be purchased.



In order to purchase your device from MDS, please visit this website:

<https://apple-onlinestore.mds.ae/>

You will Sign Up and Register to create an account at MDS and then select our school name, **American School of Creative Science – Nad Al Sheba**. After completing the sign-up process, you will be emailed a username and will be able to sign into the website and make your purchase. For more information on how to register, please kindly refer to the user guide: [Click Here for Guide](#).

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline to make your purchase is **31st July 2023**. All orders placed until July 31st 2023 will be delivered directly in school on school re-joining week. Any orders that are completed by the deadline set of **31st July 2023**, will be delivered 2 – 3 weeks following the school re-joining week. Home delivery will be available from September 2023 onwards.

We would like to draw your attention to the following key points:



- We highly recommend that you purchase the devices from our Apple Solutions Experts (MDS) as we have worked to provide a cost effective package for families, cheaper than RRP.

- Standard manufacturer warranty covers the device for 12 months, but does not include accidental damage. You can purchase the Apple Care+ warranty which will cover the iPad for an

additional 2 years, covering the device for two separate occasions of accidental damage. (See AppleCare+ policy details for further information).

- All maintenance of devices can take place through Official MDS Service Centers.

PLEASE NOTE: The Apple Care+ warranty will only cover the new devices purchased through MDS and not any existing devices. This must be purchased at the time of order to be valid.

iPad Preparation (non-MDS)

This note is for parents who are providing an iPad that was not purchased via the <https://apple-onlinestore.mds.ae/> portal.

Please ensure that:

- You have recorded all passwords for important Apps and games.
- You have recorded your personal Apple ID and password, which can be used outside of school to access your personal Apps and games.
- You have made a backup of any important documents.

You will then need to reset your iPad by following these steps:

1. Go to **“Settings”**
2. Tap **“General”**
3. Tap **“Reset”**
4. Select **“Erase All Content and Settings”**
5. You may be asked to enter your Apple ID password, enter it and complete the reset.
6. Once your device has reset, make sure it is fully charged, labeled with your child's first name, last name and Class/Grade level.
7. You will receive communication from the school as to when the device will need to be brought in to be configured. This will most likely take place during the first 2 weeks of the new school year.

Downloading Personal Apps

Devices enrolled onto our Mobile Device Management system can still be used with personal App Store accounts to download/purchase content as usual.

This includes restoring apps that have previously been purchased. You will not be required to pay for this content again.

Please use the following steps to download personal apps on your school device:

1. Go to **Settings**.
2. Click on **iTunes** and **App Store** and **sign out** of the school account.



3. **Sign in** on your personal/family account.
4. Open **iTunes** or the **App Store** and navigate to the content you wish to download again.



If you have any difficulties, please speak with a member of our Digital Strategy Team and they will be happy to assist you with this process.

(NB. Please note that you should not sign out of the school iCloud account; only the account used for iTunes/App Store).

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Digital Learning Strategy?

At ASCS NAS, we are implementing our transformational Digital Learning Strategy throughout Grade 1 to Grade 10. This involves students bringing in iPads to school, which are fully managed and configured using our Mobile Device Management system. Students will then be able to use their device to have an enhanced teaching and learning experience, alongside being able to obtain feedback in various ways and access their work on the go.

What is the minimum specification iPad that my child should have?

iPad 2021, 9th Generation, 10.2 inch, 64GB, Wi-Fi only for Grades 1-8. Students from Grade 1 to Grade 5 should have the Apple Pencil and a strong, sturdy case in addition to the device. Students from Grade 6 to Grade 8 should have the Apple Pencil, Bluetooth keyboard and a strong, sturdy case in addition to the device. Grade 9 to Grade 10 students should have a MacBook Air: Apple M1.

If I already have the device that meets the specifications, or purchase it independently, do I need to bring it into school to be set up?

Yes, any existing or independent purchase of the device will need to be brought into school to be configured manually by our Digital Strategy Team.

If I already have the device that meets the specifications, can I purchase the additional peripherals like Apple Pencil, case and Bluetooth keyboard through the online portal?

Yes. The online portal will have the facility to purchase these items separately.

How do I receive the device if I purchase through MDS?

Any orders that are completed by the deadline set of **31st July 2023**, will be delivered directly in school on school re-joining week. Home delivery will be available from September 2023 onwards.

What happens with the device/apps if my child leaves ASCS NAS?

If your child leaves ASCS NAS, their device will be removed from our schools' system. Apps that were deployed to the device by the school will be removed but any personal apps will remain.

Our child already has an iPad and you say it needs to be wiped in order for our child to use it at school. Will we lose all of our apps?

Any content purchased using an iTunes account can easily be re-downloaded for free from the App Store/iTunes.