



# SEVEN ARROWS ELEMENTARY

## K-3 STUDENT TECH SPECS

Dear Parents of New Seven Arrows Students,

In looking ahead to our next school year and your child's technology needs, we are providing this packet to answer many of your questions. For continuing families, we are not requiring that you upgrade your iPad. You do need to purchase the fine tip stylus however and ensure that your children have the required accessories.

### Device Recommendations

We strongly recommend the following specifications regarding minimum models:

Tablet for all grades, kindergarten through 3rd:

iPad 9.7" or bigger.

64 GB with Wi-Fi

With AppleCare Plus

(Plus protects against accidental damage and screen replacement. Regular AppleCare does not.)

Required accessories:

Pencil or [fine tip stylus](#)

iPad case with stand (any kind that is sturdy and doesn't tip over)

Plug in headphones with microphone (NOT Bluetooth - any type that fits your child's ears)

If you would like to purchase enhanced options such as a higher model device, larger screen size, or more storage space, you are of course, welcome to do so. Gently used or second-hand devices are also permissible, but we strongly recommend they meet the above specifications and AppleCare Plus be purchased. If you have questions about whether a certain device will fit the bill, please don't hesitate to contact us at [help@sevenarrows.org](mailto:help@sevenarrows.org).

### Apps requirements

Seven Arrows will be installing all needed apps on all the iPads.

### Philosophy

At Seven Arrows, technology is viewed as an essential tool that supports the individual work of all our students. Rich media experiences provide tools for a wide variety of learners to explore multiple avenues of the "4C" curriculum at SAE: Critical Thinking & Problem Solving, Communication, Collaboration, and Creativity & Innovation. We aim to provide every student with age-appropriate access to computers, applications, the Web, and other necessary technology at both school and home in order to facilitate learning. Our 1:1 program is an optimal way to further customize instruction for each student, improving educational outcomes and ensuring that our students are well equipped to continue to thrive well beyond their elementary years.

While the financial investment for families can be substantial, we are confident that the return on that investment will be truly priceless, not just with respect to tech literacy, but also the incredible work we will be able to do with our students, the level of creativity and engagement, the enhanced academic rigor, and the preparedness for middle school and beyond.

In the upper grades, it will be even more important to integrate technology into the curriculum; for our students to be at

the forefront of preparedness for middle school, they will need to be versed with both tech platforms and what each has to offer, and we will be able to take their learning to a whole new level with use of both iPads and laptops.

Sound and thoughtful implementation of our tech devices into an already well-established program is key. The benefits of technology integration have great promise and reward if and only if implementation is appropriate in time and content. Please know that screen time in the classroom will be strictly limited to what is developmentally appropriate per grade, and the "live" quality instruction from educators will in no way be sacrificed to or replaced by technological tools.

### **Financing Devices & Questions**

If securing these devices for your children is not possible for any reason, please contact Darren or Margarita right away. And of course, if you have further questions after reviewing this letter, feel free to contact the school.

Warm regards,  
SAE Admin