MIDDLE SCHOOL 1:1 DEVICE PHILOSOPHY

**Equity**
In the Middle School, faculty and staff work with all available resources to foster student success. Each Middle Schooler is issued a school-owned iPad with keyboard case for her 7th- and 8th-grade years. This 1:1 program allows all students equal access to a device for schoolwork both on campus and off campus.

**Opportunity**
We are mindful of educating the whole child, which includes partnering with families to manage device use at home, encourage sleep, and get kids outside. The ability to access all resources through one device reduces distractions at school or home and helps develop effective study and organizational habits. iPads may not be the appropriate learning tool for all experiences; students will continue to have a variety of experiences in the classroom.

**Skill Development**
The Middle School iPad program provides a seamless transition from the Lower School iPad program. Throughout Middle School, students move from an app-based environment to one that relies more heavily on cloud-based apps for content management and collaborative creation. Faculty and students partner with the Teaching and Learning Center and the Health and Wellness team to ensure a balanced, appropriate, and intentional use of technology. Ultimately, our approach fosters the development of digitally literate students who are comfortable innovating, developing creative solutions, and problem solving.

**Citizenship**
Together, faculty and students reflect on what it means to be a good citizen—both online and offline. Our goal is to foster critical thinking and good decision-making in the multiple areas in which they interact and learn. Our use of technology is informed by best practices and academic research and emphasizes technology as a tool of creation, rather than of passive consumption.