



Dear Class of 2022 parent,

Welcome to Carondelet High School. We are excited to partner with you and your daughter on this great adventure. We are pleased to provide you with more information about our iPad and textbook program.

Incoming 9th grade students pay a one-time tech fee of \$300.00 and a yearly textbook fee of \$350.00.*

The fees can be rolled into family's payment plan through Smart Tuition providing interest-free financing and sheltering families from having to incur sizable upfront expenses. A set fee for textbooks further gives families peace of mind for budgeting, knowing that costs for books will be contained* and that they will always be able to roll them into tuition. Bringing the program in-house means families take advantage of the school's ability benefit from economies of scale, allowing us to get some discount on textbooks.

The tech fee charged does not entirely cover the costs of the iPad and apps. The program is subsidized by Carondelet because the iPad device program is an integral part of our digital textbook program and it is important for us to ensure that all students are able to access the learning tools they need. This program further allows families to push off the inevitable need to equip their daughter with a laptop as they get older and enter courses that mirror the college experience.

Program logistics and the family's responsibilities:

The iPad program is subsidized by Carondelet and the device remains the property of the school. Before receiving the device, families will be asked to sign a lease contract that specifies all terms linked to this program. Upon graduation, the device will become the property of your daughter.

We will equip your daughter with a new iPad 2017 that she will need to bring to Carondelet each day. The iPad provides your daughter with a valuable organizational tool that will give her the ability to leverage many resources in all her classes. Her device will be loaded with digital textbooks and applications.

*Barring multiple AP courses which may incur additional fees

Part of your lease agreement includes responsibilities to keep the device safe. The devices are distributed during our half day summer tech training which is mandatory for all incoming Freshmen. We will release an iPad to _____ your daughter only if she brings an appropriate protective case for

the iPad. Please note iPad models are different sizes and require the correctly sized case (the school device is an iPad 2017). Cases should have some shock absorbing qualities and protect corners. The case should also have a cover to protect the screen when device is not being used. (Otterbox, Youmaker, Torras provide the essential corner protection and have been popular among our students) Please remember your daughter's iPad will most likely be in a backpack, so choose your case accordingly.

Other equipment linked to the iPad that is highly recommended include a quality stylus that facilitates handwriting (like the Meko stylus available on Amazon), and many students have found that an optional small external keyboard helps with essays and other typed assignments.

Carondelet will pre-load the iPad with apps that will give your daughter the basic academic tools needed for classroom and project based learning. Textbooks will be loaded to the device at the summer tech training, during which students spend time learning how to use the device to support learning as well as setting up and personalizing their new device.

Please note that although this is not a "tech department tool," your daughter will also need a HP Prime Wireless calculator graphing calculator for her mathematics classes (approximate cost \$150). She will use this calculator all 4 years at Carondelet.

Limited financial assistance is available; please send your request to financialaid@carondeleths.org.

If you have questions about the iPad program, please feel free to email me. I look forward to an exciting year.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Chaponot". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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