## About Our iPads

iPads provide learning amazing opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom, and CVSD wants to ensure that parents have the tools needed to welcome technology into their homes as this technology becomes integrated into every student's schoolwork. Parents are partners in educational excellence, and we are committed to providing your family with the resources and training to ensure your child's use of technology device and the Internet enriches their educational experience in a safe and appropriate environment.

Please review the student handbook for more information on the iPads and about optional iPad insurance.



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#### Internet Safety

Our goal at CVPS is to teach students how to be safe on the Internet. Parents can make home technology use safer with rules and practices for technology use that are a matter of routine. Here are some resources for Internet Safety:

- Common Sense Media website—They believe in partnerships between home and school and have designed a FREE program to help parents navigate and discuss the impact of digital media on kids' social, emotional, and intellectual development. Go to www.commonsensemedia.org for
- more information.
- Go to http://familyinternet.about.com/ for an abundance of information on Internet Safety.
- Go to this site for Internet Safety information: http://kidshealth.org/parent/positive/fa mily/net\_saf ety.html
- Learn about online risks & NetSmart tools at http://www.netsmartz.org/Parents

When connected to your home Internet, the iPad will use the same filtering software that is utilized on your home network. At school, Internet filtering is set to a high level.

> "Technology is just a tool. In terms of getting the kids working together and motivating them, the teacher is most important." - Bill Gates

### Content and Filtering

- 1. This iPad is not a private device it is owned and monitored by CVSD; it's use should also be monitored by parents/guardians.
- 2. School-related apps come preloaded on this iPad. Other approved apps can be downloaded from the Self Service app. No other apps may be installed on a district-issued iPad.
- 3.YouTube Kids is used for instructional videos. However, YouTube Kids can become a black hole of video watching. You may want to consider whether you want your child to use it.
- 4. The iPad has content filtering on the school network. Ensure you have filters set up on your home network.
- 5. If students use inappropriate langauge in their emails, it will be flagged for CVSD administration.
- 6.Email is allowed only within the CVSD domain. Students may not send or receive emails to accounts outside of the CVSD email domain.



# Family's Guide **Key Points**

Setting Up the iPad for Home Use

• Connect to your home Internet under Settings.

• Review your child's Google Classroom. <u>Set Boundaries</u>

- Limit the time your student is on the iPad.
- Suggest that iPads are not taken to bed and use in a common area.
- Help your child develop a routine.
- Check the history in Safari or the web browser to see sites your child visited.

#### Share the Experience

- Ask your child to teach you how they use the iPad.
- Ask your child to demonstrate the way they use their iPad at school.
- Play with the iPad and the apps yourself.

