

## **Project Empowerment Program Description and Family Commitment**

RSU57's ***Project Empowerment*** is offering parents of Massabesic High School Freshman the opportunity to enhance your son or daughter's educational experience through the access of a MHS iPad. Leveraging the purchasing power of the District, it is our desire for every Freshman student to have an iPad to support his/her learning process. Students will continue to have access to the RSU57 iPads during the school year and for the remainder of their time at Massabesic High School.

In order for you to take advantage of this opportunity for your son or daughter, RSU57 is requiring a family commitment. The family commitment consists of an annual non-refundable \$25 fee and a signed family commitment agreement. Parents/guardians and students are also required to sign the administrative expectations document in recognition of the procedures associated with this program.

The family commitment fee covers discounted repair and replacement costs, assists with paid "apps" that are purchased by the District, a 50% Reduced price on the district provided case/keyboard replacement, and a significantly reduced price for plug and sync cable replacements at \$10 each. All Technical support for the above will be provided by the RSU57 Technology Department.

***It is the desire of RSU57 for every student who is eligible to participate in this program to have the opportunity to do so. Recognizing a wide variety of family situations and economic ability to support this program exist, RSU57 will make appropriate accommodations for all students to be able to participate. These accommodations may be based on, but not limited to, free and reduced lunch status. It is the family's responsibility to contact the District Technology Department to arrange for accommodations.***

Agreement and acknowledgement of the following procedures is required:

- Participation in the program is a privilege not a right.
- Student use of the MHS iPads will be governed by RSU57 School Board Policy, MHS Administrative Regulations, and State and Federal laws.
- Students are expected to bring the iPad to school every school day, charged and ready for use.
- Each student takes personal responsibility for the care and welfare of their MHS iPad.
- There are few to no "user replaceable" parts in an iPad. Therefore, when damage occurs it will most likely be catastrophic. If damage requiring repair or replacement occurs, a repair fee of \$75 or a replacement fee of \$250 will be charged depending on the level of damage. In the event that the student's MHS iPad is lost or stolen, there will be a one-time opportunity to replace the iPad for a fee of \$250. A new device will not be issued to the student until proper remuneration or accommodations are made.
- Core apps will be provided to students. Students/family's can also add apps to the MHS iPad. Paid "core apps" will be issued by RSU57 to the students as part of the Family Commitment fee. Students will need access to an iTunes account to be able to add any apps (free or paid) to the MHS iPad. This can be a family account all ready in use, or, a new account set up by the student. *Please note that an iTunes account can be established without being associated with a credit card.* An iTunes gift card can also be used in conjunction with an established iTunes account to add personal paid apps to the

device if desired.

- If a student leaves MHS the iPad must be returned to MHS. Failure to do so will be considered theft of the device and the matter will be turned over to law enforcement.
- All MHS iPads issued to students will be collected at the end of each school year (with the exception of the senior year). The devices will be stored over the summer and re-issued to the assigned student in the fall after the annual family commitment fee has been paid.
- During the school day RSU57 filters the Internet for inappropriate content. Parents are responsible for supervising their student's use of the iPad and Internet access outside of school.

By agreeing and participating in the family commitment for each year that the student attends MHS, the student will be allowed to take total ownership of the iPad upon graduation.

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I read, understand, and agree to the iPad family commitment including all required fees.

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Parent/Guardian

I have read, understand, and agree to the iPad family commitment

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Student

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I have read and understand the iPad family commitment. I choose to opt out of this program. I do not want my student to have an iPad.

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Parent/Guardian

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Parent/Guardian and student please sign this form on the appropriate line. Return the whole form to the Massabesic High School office along with a check made out to RSU57 for \$25 unless your decision is to opt out of the program. Forms that are not returned will be considered as "opt out".

For further information, or, to arrange for payment accommodations please contact:  
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