



Vision: To be the best school district in our state
Mission: To provide an excellent education for all our students

Dr. Peter Stiepleman, Superintendent of Schools

Dear Family,

To ensure our students have access to a wide array of technology resources and in order to provide experiences that support their education and future goals for college and career readiness, your student(s) will be issued an individual mobile device as part of our Digital Equity Program for Personalized Learning.

Mobile technology is an essential component of the 21st century learner in Columbia Public Schools (CPS). The CPS current mobile device for grades 5-8 is the iPad. For grades 9-12 the device is a 2-in-1 touchscreen Dell laptop. Mobile technology empowers students to maximize their full potential by facilitating:

- Increased access to instructional resources in the classroom
- Creation of multimedia presentations
- Collaboration with teachers and peers

Students will build a solid foundation in the areas of digital citizenship, technology readiness, and critical reading and writing in digital formats throughout school. All of these skills provide students academic advantages and support instructional goals for students in the classroom and at home.

You can find additional information about mobile devices in Columbia Public Schools on our Technology Services web page. The page includes a handbook for the mobile device and a Frequently Asked Questions document.

The address for the web page is: <http://cpsk12.org/domain/82>

Additionally, parent resources can be found at: <http://www.cpsk12.org/Page/14398>

Thank you for your continued support of Columbia Public Schools as we work to support your student to become competitive in an ever-changing, unpredictable world.

Sincerely,

Peter Stiepleman
Superintendent