



## 1:1 Learning Update

October 13, 2016



### ***New Student Profile***

Now that most of us have settled into the “back to school” routine, I wanted to take a moment to update the community on our 1:1 learning program. As most of you know we made some significant changes over the summer to the iPad (our 1:1 learning device). Student iPads are now managed by our IT department to ensure that the apps students are using are supporting and enhancing the learning experience. Although students can no longer download apps on their own, they do have the opportunity to request apps that they believe will help them succeed academically.

Students simply fill out and submit their request by using the [App Request Form](#). Requests are received and approved by the Technology Department and Administration and take a few weeks to process. Students and parents can view the approved apps list and download any new apps by visiting [grafton.ps.org/1to1](http://grafton.ps.org/1to1). and selecting [Approved Apps](#). Students can also download these new apps by clicking on the Approved Apps icon on their iPad.



## Administration Reviews Expectations

During the first week of school, the administration met with each grade to review the expectations of appropriate iPad usage and will continue to remind students throughout the school year of what it means to be a good digital citizen. We encourage parents to keep having conversations with their child about appropriate technology use. If parents have any questions or concerns regarding the content or usage of their child's iPad please feel free to contact the grade level administrator (Mr Kelly: Grades 9 & 11, or Mrs. Evers: Grade 10 & 12). Parents in need of additional support or advice should check out [Common Sense Media's Parental Support Page](#), where there are a number of excellent resources and tips for parents raising children in the digital age.

### iPad Responsibility and Proper Use

All iPads are the **property of Grafton Public Schools**.

For more information please access the Grafton Public Schools [Technology Page](#).

**AUP**

- User Responsibility
- Online Etiquette
- Malicious Use/Vandalism
- Care of Equipment
- Financial Responsibility



### You Are What You Post

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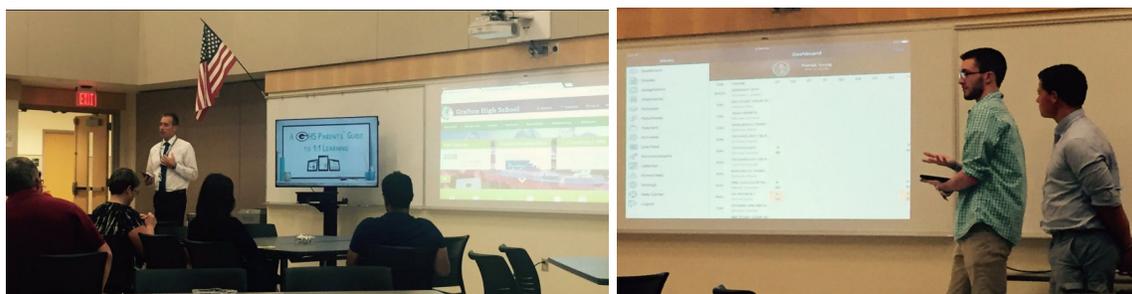
- Would you want your parents to see it?
- Would you want your future college to see it?
- Would you want your future employer to see it?

**THINK!**

**T** = Is it True?  
**H** = Is it Helpful?  
**I** = Is it Inspiring?  
**N** = Is it Necessary?  
**K** = Is it Kind?

## A GHS Parents' Guide to 1:1 Learning

On Wednesday, September 14, 2016, Grafton High School hosted an informational session providing parents with an in-depth look at how students utilize technology on a daily basis in a 1:1 learning environment. The presentation was led by seniors Christopher King, Rebecca Shorr, and Patrick Young, as well as Digital Learning Specialist Cyndy Engvall. If you missed this presentation, and want to learn more about the digital skills we encourage and apps student use click [here](#).



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## Upcoming & Future Educational Opportunities

To further educate students and parents about the proper use and responsibility that comes with a 1:1 learning environment, Grafton High School will be holding school-wide assemblies on October 25th (grades 9-10) and October 27th (grades 11-12) on Digital Safety & Citizenship. The assembly will be run by the Worcester District Attorney's Community and School Outreach Program. Students will develop a better understanding of the current laws related to digital safety and how to establish a positive digital footprint.

The DA's office will also be available to speak to any K-12 parent or guardian at Grafton High School on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 6pm.

Additional student assemblies and parent/guardian nights related to digital citizenship and digital health are currently being planned and more information is forthcoming.

## 9 Elements of Digital Citizenship



### 1:1 Learning Support

Our technology department, led by Digital Learning Specialist Cyndy Engvall, has been running technology seminars for your child. These seminars have focused on basic iPad maintenance and organization, utilizing Google Apps for Education, and Notability. Future technology seminars will continue to focus on developing our students' digital learning skills. Students can also visit our student run GHS Help Desk in the library or see our Mobile Device Manager, Mrs. Alice Perkins near the second floor elevator for any (wifi, damage, insurance, etc) issues with the iPad. Parents and students can email Mrs. Perkins [perkinsa@grafton.k12.ma.us](mailto:perkinsa@grafton.k12.ma.us) with any iPad related issues.



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## **Future 1:1 Learning Considerations**

To further strengthen our 1:1 program, we have also been investigating a more consistent and effective school-wide method of communicating, posting assignments, and managing workflow between teachers, students, and parents. The current research points to the need for K-12 and Higher Ed institutions to implement a Learning Management System (LMS) as its primary means for delivering content, communicating with all stakeholders, and enhancing technology integration and 1:1 learning.

Beginning last year, our Technology PLC group researched dozens of LMS platforms. After careful consideration, the group decided to move ahead with a pilot of Schoology. The group felt this LMS best fit the needs of our school population (ease of use, connection to Power School & Google Apps, and its ability to enhance 1:1 learning).

The pilot of Schoology started in September and will continue through this December with a group of 20 teachers. Teachers are provided support from both Schoology and our Digital Learning Specialist Cyndy Engvall. An assessment will follow the pilot to evaluate the use of an LMS as part of our 1:1 program, and determine next steps. The goal of implementing an LMS is to provide a universal platform by which all students, teachers, and parents can use locate course content and assignments. For more information, click the links below.



[What is an LMS](#)

[Schoology Introduction](#)

[Why an LMS is Useful](#)

[Making 1:1 Learning a Reality and Success](#)

[How an LMS Enhances K-12 Instruction](#)

[Getting the Most from a 1:1 Program with Schoology](#)

We will continue to provide updates to the Grafton High School community with news and announcements related to our 1:1 program. For more information, please visit Grafton High School's 1:1 learning webpage found at: [www.graftonps.org/1to1](http://www.graftonps.org/1to1).

Sincerely,

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