



Espiritu Santo Catholic School

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Starting in the 2015-2016 school year we began a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program at Espiritu Santo. We standardized on the Apple iPad as our device of choice in terms of battery life, high resolution video, robust app development and Apple's focus on education. We continue to use these devices daily in our classrooms and we believe there are many advantages to integrating this technology. But more than that, our goal is to alter our approach to educating, incorporating 21st century skills into the curriculum, so that students learn to integrate technology into ALL of their education. The device is simply a tool to aid in their education. Our goal is not to use technology every day to do the same things we do now; but it is to use the technology to allow us to do things that we can't do without these devices.

S.A.M.R. is a model (created by Dr. Ruben Puentedura, Ph.D) designed to help educators infuse technology into teaching and learning. The model has four steps and its goal is to support and enable teachers to design and infuse digital experiences using technology. The four levels are Substitution, Augmentation, Modification, and Redefinition.

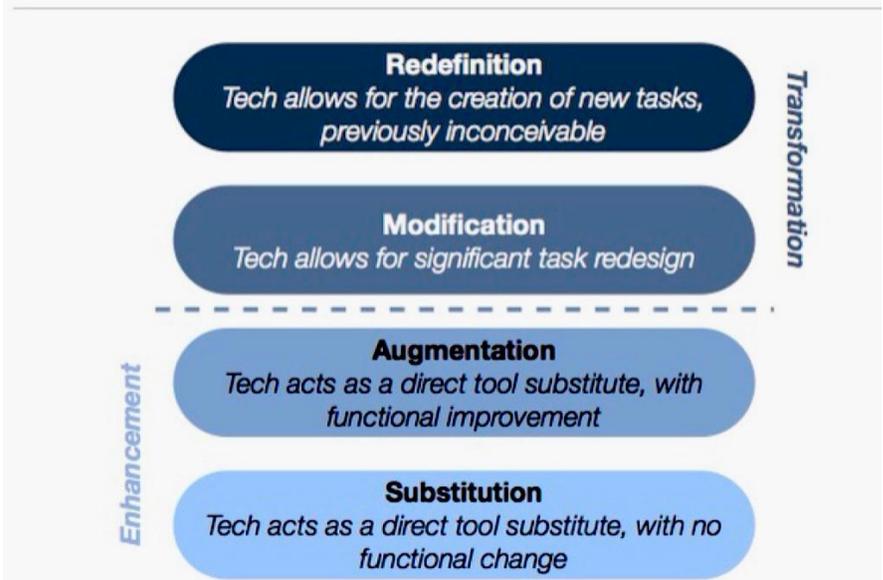
What this means for us is that while we are using iPads for IXL and AR, we will also use them to (along with a host of other things) monitor comprehension, create easily updated textbooks, and work to individualize instruction to each student's needs. If you are

interested in reading more about this model and how it ties into today's classrooms, I invite you to visit <http://www.schrockguide.net/samr.html>.

We have standardized on the iOS platform for our BYOD program. Here are a couple of questions that you as a family may have:

1. We will be installing software to allow the devices to join our wireless network and receive apps from us. We are using a program called JAMF to push the profile. This program does not allow us to see texts or messages. It only allows us to control the apps that we provide from a school level and we have no control over other apps that are installed on the device.

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2. Mini iPads will be allowed at Espiritu Santo. Please be advised that mini iPads are NOT allowed at some of the catholic high schools (most notably CCC). If your child is intending to attend one of these schools in the near future you may want to consider buying a full size iPad.
3. 16GB of storage is the minimum requirement for our needs here at school. If your child wishes to install personal apps/pictures/videos/etc... you may wish to consider higher storage when purchasing as this is **not** something that can be updated at a later date. The students do have access to the iPad versions of Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Each of these apps are approximately 1GB in size. They do not have to download them to the devices, but they have the option. Cloud storage allows you to manage content on your device and move programs off and on. Each family should discuss their own individual needs to determine what "enough" storage is.
4. Older generation iPads will also be allowed at school. However, if you are planning a new purchase, you will want to consider buying the latest version available within your budget. As technology evolves we must also! Certain apps and features may be unavailable to machines that have older operating systems.
5. The students will not be bringing these devices with them to lunch, recess, or PE. They will be put in their backpacks (or in their lockers) during these times as we still want interaction between students. If your child uses our extended day program the devices will also not be allowed until they have come back inside and are working on their homework.
6. We will not be replacing textbooks with electronic ones in the upcoming school years. Most of our current books also have an electronic component to them. As these resources become more digital and available we will revisit our current plan.
7. We strongly suggest you purchase a protective case for the Apple device. There are several (actually many, many) options available. We have had good success with the Griffin Survivor style cases.

Our full BYOD policy can be found in our Student/Parent Handbook. If you have any questions and/or would like to discuss this program with me, please feel free to reach out to me at jpmoore@escschool.org I look forward to this upcoming school year.

Sincerely,
Mr. JP Moore
Technology Coordinator