

Buying Guide: iPad + Accessories – 2018-19

Which iPad should I buy?

- We recommend purchasing one of the most current models on the [Apple Website](#). It will last about 4-5 years if well maintained.
- The iPad is a good option especially if savings are desired):
 - **Storage?** 128GB recommended. I think you can get by with a 32GB model for a couple years, but if current trends continue, the student may run into storage issues. Digital textbooks, apps, cameras, etc. all seem to require more and more storage each year.
 - **Wifi or Wifi+Cellular?** Wi-Fi only is just fine.
 - Consider buying a refurbished iPad from the online Apple Store to save more money: <http://store.apple.com/us/browse/home/specialdeals/ipad>
- The iPad mini 4 is also an option if you already own one. If you don't own one, it's not really all that cost effective as you save a few dollars and get less screen space.
- [Apple Care insurance](#) (optional)

This is a list of iPads that have been released in the past and approximately how long they will be viable devices at POPCS.

Oldest Models (don't buy these)	Models on their way out (buy if you only need the device to last a couple years)	New Models (good for 4-5 years if well maintained)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• iPad 1• iPad 2• iPad 3• iPad 4• iPad Mini• iPad Air	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• iPad Mini 2• iPad Air 2• iPad Mini 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• iPad• iPad Pro• iPad Mini 4

Do I need a case/keyboard?

Yes, accidental drops will happen and students need to be able to type. The onscreen keyboard is ok, but a physical keyboard is preferred. Many different case/keyboard combinations are available. Choose one that's highly rated (4.5 stars or higher on Amazon) and in your price range. They range in cost anywhere from 30 dollars up to 160.