

2021-22 Valley Christian Parent Guide to iPads (7th - 12th Grade)

We have created this guide in an effort to help parents navigate the management of their student iPad. We hope you find it helpful but if you have more questions go to www.vcschools.org/iPads or let us know via email how we can help - ipadsupport@vcschools.org

Apps:

- **Manager App** (already installed on all student iPads): Students can install school-related apps found in the Manager app. These apps can be installed or removed by the student depending on whether or not it's needed for a particular class.
- **Non School Related Apps:** Parents can install a variety of apps (games, entertainment, etc) in **AppleTree**. Here's how:
 - Login to the [PowerSchool website](http://www.PowerSchool website) with your parent account and look for the “**Student iPad**” menu item on the left. If you do not have a parent account or need an additional account, [you can request a new one here](#).
 - You can filter by category using the search tool. The “My Apps” category filters down to those apps that are currently selected, if any. Click the green “Install App” buttons to install apps, and the “red “Remove App” button to remove them. The response may not be immediate, but you should see the changes applied to the iPad within a few minutes.



AppleTree Categories

Category	Count
My Apps	0
Book	2
Business	2
Education	7
Entertain...	7
Food & Dri...	1
Games	43
Lifestyle	1
Music	6

Search

1-20 of 84 items

	Title	Version	Artist	Rating	Category	
	2048	2.4.7	Ketchapp	12+	Games	Install App
Join the numbers and get to the 2048 tile! Swipe to move all tiles. When two tiles with the same number touch, they merge into one. Get to the 2048 tile, and reach a high score! Inspired by Gabriele Cirulli game available on the web: ... (more info from Apple)						
	Acapella from PicPlayPost	3.7	Mixcord Inc.	12+	Music	Install App
Acapella is the ultimate music maker. Whether you're a musician and you play the piano, guitar, flute, drums etc or love to sing a cover song or simply jam and record music - you can use Acapella singing app as a multitrack tool to create multi frame music videos. Scroll through the discover tab to find talented artist from around the world to collaborative with. Share the multi frame video or download an Apple lossless copy of the audio. Check out Acapella's full featured music ... (more info from Apple)						
	Action Movie FX	3.2.18	Bad Robot Interactive	9+	Entertainment	Install App
Apple App of the Year ACTION MOVIE FX lets you add Hollywood FX to iPhone and iPad movies that YOU shoot! SAVE nearly 80% on the MEGA FX PACK and get 20 BLOCKBUSTER FX for \$1.99 USD! STAR WARS UPDATE includes 7 exclusive FX created by the same artists that made the feature films: Industrial Light & Magic and Skywalker Sound! - 3 FX from the original trilogy: Vader's Revenge, Lightsaber Fight and AT-AT Smash - 4 FX from the new film, Star Wars: The Force Awakens - Falcon Battle, BB-8 ... (more info from Apple)						

- **Notes regarding AppleTree:**
 - Certain apps and games may be hidden from use during school hours by our management system. Those apps will reappear after 3:00 PM.
 - AppleTree is NOT available on the PowerSchool Parent app.

- If you'd like to remove the **Messages and FaceTime** apps from the student iPad, search for "Restrict Messages and Facetime". If you install that restriction, it will remove those apps.
- The apps available are limited to those that have been requested by parents and/or students and then approved by the iPad team. If you'd like to add an app to the list [let us know](#) and we will do our best to add that as one of the choices. As a general rule, apps rated above 12+ or apps that include social media content are not available. Some apps are not free and are not available unless our school has purchased licensing. As time goes on, we will add more apps to the list.

Textbooks:

All textbooks are offered in digital format. Some will be accessed through an app, some through a website link, and some through Canvas. Each teacher will explain to the students how to access each particular textbook.

Securly Web Filter:

New for 2021-22 - we've adopted the Securly Content Filter. It is automatically installed on every student iPad. The filter is applied no matter where the student is and which WiFi the student is connected to. A parent app is offered to all parents. During the first week of August, all parents will be sent an email from Securly that will provide instructions for how to create a parent account. Please note that VC does **not** manage parent accounts on Securly. If you need a password reset, you will need to go through the Securly support links.

The parent app allows parents to allow or block content categories and individual **websites**. You can also set downtime schedules and even "pause" the Internet at the push of a button.

Recommended Resources for parenting children in a digital world:

Books

- *Screen and Teens* by Kathy Koch
- *The Tech-Wise Family* by Andy Crouch

Websites

- [Protect Young Eyes](#)
- [Axis](#)
 - Sign up for the Axis weekly email [Culture Translator](#)
- [Common Sense Media](#)

Articles

- ["12 Tips for Parenting in the Digital Age"](#) by John Piper
- ["Have Smartphones Destroyed a Generation"](#) by Jean Twenge