

# McGregor ISD gets 600 iPads for students and teachers

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Some schools are switching from chalk-boards and textbooks to computers and high-tech Apps to teach their students.

McGregor ISD school board members passed a mobile learning initiative on Monday night that gives their students iPads.

Over 600 iPads will go to students and teachers next year. School officials say it's about making the classroom interactive, and giving students the technology they need to learn.

"So much of what we do in school today is like it was when I was in school," said Assistant Superintendent James Lenamon. "We have 21st century kids, they need 21st century tools."

The mobile learning initiative will give 8th through 12th graders iPads to keep. Teachers in core subjects such as Math, Science, English, Social Studies, and Technology, will be given the iPads first.

Teachers will have to complete 80 hours of professional training from Abilene Christian University before they introduce them into the classrooms.

Teachers will no longer have to get textbooks for their classes either, there's an app for that!

"The iPad is just simply the device of choice, it's not what our initiative is about, our initiative is about the way kids learn," said Melissa Seward.

It will cost the district \$379,000 to get 579 iPads for students. It will cost \$10,000 bucks to buy the Apps for the iPads. It will cost \$32,000 to get teachers iPads.

The students will get the iPads in the 2013 fall semester, while teachers and administrators will get them a semester early.

There are still some policies in procedures to get sorted out, such as what if the child should loose or damage the iPads. The district believes the students will want to take care of them.