

May 28, 2018

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Tunica Academy is proud to announce that in the 2018-2019 school year we will be launching our 1-to-1 Laptop Computer Initiative (iTA) for grades 7-12. This marks the beginning of an era in which TA is committed to boosting the 21st Century skills of our students.

This initiative (iTA) is mandatory for all students entering 7-12, and they are required to pay \$300.00 to lease a school issued laptop computer for the 2018-2019 school year. No one may use their own personal device in lieu of a school issued laptop. The school will be providing filters, programs, appropriate websites and support, and students must use these Tunica Academy issued computers.

If you have more than one student in grades 7-12 for the 2018-2019 school year, each student will owe a \$300.00 lease fee separately. Payment is due by August 13, 2018, and complete payment of \$300.00 must be obtained before computers will be issued. **Also**, in order for your student(s) to receive their laptop, a parent or guardian must attend a one-hour training session with their child prior to the distribution of their new laptop. Meeting dates and times will be announced, and you must find one that you all can attend.

As a result of iTA we believe that students will:

- Increase technology skills and use.
- Improve academic achievement.
- Use the internet and computer media to communicate and work together.
- Use critical thinking skills to plan and conduct research, manage projects, and solve problems.
- Understand and practice legal and ethical behavior related to technology.

We are excited about this wonderful new opportunity to provide our students with these tools for 21st Century learning and look forward to being one of the first Class A MAIS private schools advancing technology and education for its students through the 1-to-1 initiative.

Please visit tunicaacademy.com for more information and upcoming announcements regarding iTA. Thanks again for supporting our efforts by adhering to these new procedures.

Sincerely,



Charles Barton
Headmaster