

## 1:1 Laptop Computer Initiative (iTA) for grades 7-12

The purpose of the 1:1 Laptop Computer Initiative (iTA) for grades 7-12 is to help prepare our students for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills that are required for graduates.

**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 each 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 TA issued computers.

The breakdown of the cost is:

Anti-virus with centralized monitoring and management.....	\$14
Management Software.....	\$18
Content Filtering.....	\$16
Microsoft Office.....	\$26
Hardware Cost.....	\$88
Labor, annual preparation.....	\$60
Labor, on-site presense.....	\$98
Sum of costs.....	\$320

If you have more than one student in grades 7-12, each student will owe a \$300.00 lease fee separately. Payment is due by the first day of each school year. Payment must be received 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 think 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 the opportunity to provide our students with these tools for 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning and look forward to being the first class A MAIS private schools advancing technology and education for its students.

Please visit our website [www.tunicaacademy.com](http://www.tunicaacademy.com) for more information and upcoming announcements regarding iTA. Thanks again for supporting our efforts by adhering to these procedures.

Sincerely,

Charles Barton  
Headmaster