

Philip O'Brien Elementary Technology Information 2022–2023

1 to 1—iPad for Every Student

All students at Philip O'Brien Elementary School (POBE) in grades Kindergarten through Fifth will be issued their own iPad, property of Polk County Public Schools (PCPS). Distribution will take place during the first few weeks of school. iPads will be signed out to students through the Destiny inventory system. Your child's iPad will travel with them from class to class and will follow them throughout the grade levels while enrolled at POBE. If students withdraw from POBE, iPads must be returned.

Students are expected to follow specific expectations for the use and care of the iPads. Teachers will review and explicitly teach these expectations during the first few weeks of school. If a student damages their device or the device of another student, families will be responsible for the cost of repairs.

Students will be allowed to take iPads home for homework and further learning opportunities later in the first grading quarter. Parents will have the opportunity to opt-out of students bringing the iPad home if so desired.

iPad Usage Guidelines

PCPS iPads are provided to students for **educational purposes only**. All students are expected to use good judgement and to follow the expectations and guidelines set by PCPS and POBE. We will follow our ROAR expectations. We will be **Respectful, Organized** and ready to learn, **Always safe**, and **Responsible** with our iPads. Students will earn points towards ROARabration for following the expectations. We ask that students use common sense when using their iPad. If in doubt, ask a trusted adult.

Personal Devices

Students will be required to keep personal devices (tablets, laptops, cell phones, smart phones) turned off and put away during school hours. Because of security concerns, these devices are not allowed to be used during school hours and may not be connected to school WiFi servers at any time.

Parent Portal

The parent portal enhances school and home communication and involvement. Parents/Guardians can view grades, see attendance and discipline history, and more. Parents/Guardians can also update contact information immediately online.

If you need to create a Parent Portal account, you will need your child's PIN number and student ID number. You can get this information by bringing your photo ID to the office, and one of our administrative professionals will be glad to assist you. Once you have this information, you will enter your valid E-mail address to create and activate your account from home using directions provided by PCPS.