



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

iPad Deployment for High School Students

Goose Creek CISD has expanded its iPad initiative, started last year with the deployment of iPads to 12th grade students, to include all high school students, grades 9 – 12. The iPads are being distributed to the students during September. More than 300 iPads were checked out to students at the Peter E. Hyland Center and IMPACT Early College High School earlier this month, and students at Goose Creek Memorial High School received their iPads September 18. Robert E. Lee High School students will receive iPads on September 22, while Ross S. Sterling High School's distribution will take place September 23.

"We distributed 1382 iPads at Goose Creek Memorial in one evening," said Matt Flood, Goose Creek CISD's chief technology officer.

Distributing the iPads not only takes many hours to organize ahead of time, but it also takes all Technology Management Systems employees along with other volunteers to check out the tablets and help set them up for students to use. The plan is to put this technology in the hands of the high school students for use at school and at home.

Ian Sobczak, former help desk/customer support manager, who is now teaching Computer Maintenance and Computer Technician classes at Stuart Career Center, recruited seven volunteers from his classes, representing all three traditional high schools, to provide tech support for the students and parents. He said that there is a possibility for some of these students to obtain part time jobs with TMS after school hours.



Chris Regalado (standing), CTE student and senior at Robert E. Lee High School, helps Anthony Serrano, sophomore at Goose Creek Memorial High School, set up his iPad account. View photo gallery [here](#).

"It's a good experience for them," said Sobczak. "Some of the students who showed up are the quietest in my classes, but when you have them helping people, they do well with answering their questions and showing them what to do."

The goals for the iPad initiative are to support the development of 21st century learners, to help with organizational skills, to prepare students for success in college and the workplace, and to give students educational access and resources for real-world engagement.

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