

# QAE One-to-the-World | Frequently Asked Questions

## Financial Information

How much will this cost?

- The short answer to this question: \$100 per student per year. If this is all you need to know you may skip down to the question about how to pay. If you need more explanation there is more immediately below.
- Last year we investigated a number of ways to fund this project and chose to lease. Funds were not available through the PTA or through our school budget and we tried to find a price point that would be affordable for our families.
- We chose a three-year lease plan that brought the yearly cost for each student very close to \$100, a figure we felt would be nice and round. This is a Fair Market Value lease that will enable us to recoup some of the value at the end of the lease and provided some “start-up” funding for more leases. This brings us new devices every three years and an opportunity to look at other products or devices as technology and our needs change.
- At the beginning of each school year, instead of giving families a supply list we ask for a \$50 supply fee to allow our teachers to buy appropriate classroom supplies throughout the year, as they need them. Our intent was to ask for a \$150 fee at the beginning of this school year that would include the one-to-one fee and the supply fee. Due to the significant delays with procurement I felt we could not ask for that until we actually had the devices in hand. Next year this will occur at the beginning of the school year.

How do I make a payment?

- Forms will be sent home in the student orange folder and will be available online. You have several payment options: you may online with a credit card via PayPal; pay by cash or check delivered to the main office; or mail payment.

QAE-Technology Fund  
411 Boston St.  
Seattle, WA 98109

Online: [queenanneelementary.com/tech](http://queenanneelementary.com/tech)

When is this payment due?

- As soon as you can.
- I also know that this may be a difficult time of the year for families, especially on the heels of our fund drive. We will be happy to receive funds, either through school or online through the website when you are able.

What if my family simply cannot afford this?

- If your family has qualified for the national Free and Reduced Lunch program you are not expected to pay this fee. If you have qualified for the FRL program, but are choosing to not use it, you will not be expected to pay this fee.
- If you do not qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch program and would like to make payments over time, please note this on the form. If you are not able to pay at all please communicate this to Mrs. Kirch or myself. You can expect full confidentiality.

## **Financial Information** (continued)

Can we contribute to a technology scholarship fund?

- Absolutely. Due to the timing of this initiative donations are likely will be critically important for us.
- Please follow the instructions located at [queenanneelementary.com/tech-donation](http://queenanneelementary.com/tech-donation). Donations to this fund can be matched by your employer and are tax-deductible.
- You may also make a donation by check. Please deliver it to the main office in person or by mail: Queen Anne Elementary/Tech Fund, 411 Boston St., Seattle, WA 98109

## **Device Logistics**

Why did you choose iPads?

- Apps
- Apple leasing programs
- Integration with our other Apple products
- Same equipment as the classes we collaborate with

Can we bring our own device?

- We will always be evaluating this program and in the future will consider a BYOD program but for now we have chosen to standardize on iPad minis.

Can I donate a device?

- Please consider donating to our Scholarship Fund. Because this is a first for Seattle Public Schools we are trying to make this as simple as possible regarding equipment management.

Can my child bring their device home?

- No. At this time we have an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the SPS Technology Department that they will not go home. It is also written in the MOU that this point is negotiable. This is something our QAE Tech Committee will consider at the request of teachers.

What happens at the end of the lease?

- At the current time, subject to much analysis, our plan is to return for devices for the Fair Market Value to be applied to the next lease. It is our current plan that funds applied to the next lease will reduce future payments.

Does my child get to keep the device at the end of the lease?

- At this time the answer is no. The current leasing arrangement allows us to retrieve funds that enable us to keep this affordable. However, we will be continuously assessing all aspects of the program.

What happens if it breaks?

- We have a local repair shop that provides us with a discount. We will cover the cost of repair.