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FHS English Baseline Persuasive Essay Prompt

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| Each year, more schools and districts are implementing iPad programs that give the devices to all of their students as educational tools. Some educators support this practice because they believe that in this increasingly technological age, students need to learn to use technology to support their learning to prepare them for college, careers, and life in the 21st Century. Other educators believe that students still need to learn the same basic skills that they always have – reading, writing, and thinking – all of which can be learned without flashy technology tools that may distract from learning since students will have the internet, game apps, and messaging at their fingertips. In your opinion, should schools and districts be providing students with iPads and using them to update instructional methods for students?  In your essay, take a position on this question. You may write about either one of the two points of view given, or you may present a different point of view on this question. Use specific reasons and examples to support your position. |

*This will be a multi-paragraph essay. Use the space below to begin planning your essay. Then begin writing on the paper provided.*

*As you compose your essay, please ask yourself the following…*

* *Have I put the topic into its critical context? (What’s the bigger theme or issue that this topic addresses?)*
* *Have I taken a clear position on the issue?*
* *Have I acknowledged and refuted the opposing point of view?*
* *Does my essay maintain focus on the topic?*
* *Have I used logical reasoning?*
* *Have I fully supported my ideas with specific details and clear examples?*
* *Have I organized my ideas in a logical way?*
* *Have I edited for clear and effective language and conventions?*