

How iTunes and Apple IDs work

This document discusses how Apple IDs work and what happens when you download an App (purchased or free) to the iPad.

Apple changed the game when they introduced the Apple ID. Before when you purchased software (or applications), it was purchased for the device (specific computer). With apple products, before you can download an app (purchased or free) you must create an Apple ID.

An Apple ID is an email address that you already own. Once the Apple ID is programmed into the iPad (or other device), that device can now download apps. Those apps are now tied to that Apple ID forever. If an App is purchased, the Apple ID owns that App forever.

Students can only purchase apps in 2 ways. The Apple ID is tied to a credit card or if the student purchases iTunes cards.

Example – Student 1 (senior) gets an iPad from Azle ISD. He logs into the device with his own Apple ID. The student downloads some free apps and purchases \$10 worth of apps with an iTunes card. The student goes to college and decides to buy their own iPad. When the student uses the same Apple ID, all the free and purchased apps can now be downloaded onto the new iPad at no cost.

