



Triad Math and Science Academy
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To Whom It May Concern:

2016-2017 School Year

Here at Triad Math and Science Academy, we pride ourselves on our Math and Science emphases, preparing our students for a challenging future in these fields. Because of this, technology integration is a must in our classrooms. The future of our country's development depends upon our students, not only learning how to use technology, but also designing and programming it.

- This technological advancement includes all subjects, especially music. The proven math, science, and music correlations in the brain are astounding. Musicians make better students. Music makes a better society. Imagine using technology where a child designs a video game or presentation, then learns how to use musical technology to compose, edit, and record that music into his self-designed project. Imagine that project winning awards at a state-level science fair. Imagine the pride and joy of learning that child achieves and what he will do next year, and in college. Providing that opportunity is our goal.

To achieve this goal, we desire to use iPad Minis in our music classrooms. Using these tools, we can teach the children, not only about music, instruments, performing, and recording, but about sound waves; their design, manipulation, and scientific significance. We will use these iPad Minis to compose and record the students' original compositions to accompany their inventive video games and project designs as well. In addition, we will form cooperative online groups where the students can collaborate on their projects. This is where you come in.

We need your help. Triad Math and Science Academy is a public, inner-city, Title I Charter School. That means that at least 80% of our students come from low-income families. In order to get the iPad Minis into our classroom, we must ask for assistance from those in our community who want to see future generations succeed. These students need their community to support them when their current life situations may not be able to. To begin this phase of our music program, we will have 30 iPad minis in the middle school music classroom. In Phase II, we will have 30 iPad minis in the high school classroom. Phase III will have 30 iPad minis in the lower elementary and 30 in the upper elementary grades.

Phase I begins today. Will you consider *partnering* with us and commit to making a tax-deductible contribution to our music department, specifically for iPad Mini purchases? Our program can purchase them for \$249.00 each, before taxes. With 30 in our classroom, that total is \$7470.00 before tax, per classroom. The software needed is an additional \$130.00 per classroom. If you do not want to stop there and want to help us with Phase II or III, please feel free. In exchange, we can offer you a tax-deductible receipt, a photo of your logo on our web site as a partner with our school, and a certificate or plaque for you to display on your public office wall, showing the community that you are an active participant in our children's future. In addition, I will be calling the Greensboro "News & Record" and Fox 8 news to cover contributions and progress of our program.

If you would like to partner with our school or would like more information, please contact me or write a check to Triad Math and Science Academy. In the memo line, please write "Music iPad Fund." Thank you so much for your consideration and diligence in helping to spur on our future generations!

Sincerely,

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