

Why did Assumption choose the HP Tablet PC over the iPad?

Feature	Tablet PC	iPad
All in one device	Teachers and students can do all of their work on the Tablet PC. No other computer at home or school is needed.	Teachers would need to be issued a desktop or laptop to work in conjunction with the iPad. Students would still need a computer at home and labs at school. "The iPad is not yet a replacement for a computer ..." http://store.apple.com/us
School Software	Industry standard programs such as MS Office 2010 and Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign can be installed on Tablet PCs. These programs are used in many of our classes such as newspaper, yearbook, and graphic design. Most of our teachers' lesson plans, tests, presentations, and worksheets were created using Microsoft Word.	Only limited cloud-based versions of Adobe products are available. We would still need to purchase desktops and provide lab settings for newspaper, yearbook, and graphic design limiting the students to using this software only at school.
Software Installation	We can use our current server and deployment software which is part of our Microsoft School Agreement and therefore less expensive.	The school would be required to purchase Apple servers to push apps.
Classroom Management	With SMART Sync teachers can view each student's computer in class. They can control what programs and Internet sites are accessed by their classes.	Classroom management is limited at best. Companies are only beginning to work on solutions.
Multi-tasking	Yes – multiple programs can be used at one time. Students and teachers need to be able to have multiple applications open at once to be productive.	No true multi-tasking is available. It is very limited.
Accommodating Learning Styles	The device converts from PC to tablet allowing the student to highlight and take handwritten notes on handouts and worksheets. Comes with a full-sized keyboard making typing easier.	You need to purchase a separate pen to do inking. The inking apps cost and are in development stage too. External keyboards need to be purchased but those keyboards can be very pricey (\$69-\$99 at the Apple Store.)
Technology Skills	Businesses and colleges need students who have experience with industry standard programs.	iPads are good for reading or email, but typing a lengthy paper on one is painful even with the add-on keyboard.

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Screen	The 12.1 inch screen gives more space for viewing and working. You can view two windows on one screen at one time. An additional even larger screen can be easily attached for viewing graphic designs.	The 10 inch screen is smaller but does have better resolution. The only way to attach a screen is to purchase a cable which is \$29 at the Apple Store.
Projectors	The Tablet PCs work with the classroom projectors currently installed in all of our classrooms.	The iPad requires a more expensive classroom projector due to the high resolution. Over 50 projectors would need to be replaced to make them functional.
Repairs	We purchase a four-year accidental damage warranty on the devices assuring they will last until the students graduate. Assumption is an HP authorized service center so repairs are done here and are therefore done much more quickly. Next day part delivery is standard. There is no service fee, shipping charge, or tax. In fact, the school is reimbursed for the labor charges since we do the repairs here.	"Every iPad comes with one year of hardware repair coverage and 90 days of telephone technical support. AppleCare+ for iPad gives you two years of repair coverage and technical support from the original purchase date of your iPad. And it adds coverage for up to two incidents of accidental damage due to handling of your iPad, each subject to a \$49 service fee plus applicable tax." http://store.apple.com/us/product/S4689LL/A/applecare-for-ipad
Printing	Students can print to centrally located copiers when necessary. Students can install printer drivers to print at home.	Copier drivers cannot be installed on iPads. Home printers are frequently a challenge to use with an iPad.
USB ports	Three USB ports come with the Tablet PC.	iPads have no USB ports making transferring data more difficult and connecting to peripherals such as scanners, DVD read/write devices, and other devices is virtually impossible.
SD cards	The Tablet PS has a built in card reader	To use an SD card, you must purchase an SD card reader available at the Apple Store for \$29 - \$49.
Personal software	Students can install programs that they purchase as well in addition to the software that the school installs.	Students are limited to what is installed by the school.
Cost	The actual device is more expensive, but the total cost of ownership (TCO) to the school may be less which allows us to keep tuition cost from rising.	iPads would require the school to do more upgrades to infrastructure and to maintain computer labs and teacher computers. Students would have additional costs for apps, accessories, and repairs.