



Apple Distinguished Schools

Inspire | Imagine | Impact

Program Overview for Higher Education

Centers of leadership and educational excellence

We believe Apple Distinguished Schools are some of the most innovative institutions in the world. They demonstrate Apple's vision for learning with technology — using Apple products to connect students to the world, fuel creativity, deepen collaboration, and make learning personal.

The Apple Distinguished Schools program supports forward-thinking education leaders and their communities who are using Apple technology to inspire, imagine, and impact teaching and learning.



What makes your institution eligible

Established one-to-one program

A university or college one-to-one iPad or Mac program for students and faculty has been in place for more than two academic years. All students and faculty use Apple devices as their primary learning or teaching device.

Innovative use of the Apple platform

Students and faculty deeply integrate Apple apps, apps used for teaching and learning from the App Store, and other digital resources into the curriculum to create new opportunities for learning.

Leadership and faculty proficiency with iPad or Mac

Leadership and faculty are highly proficient in the use of Apple products and regularly use them to innovate in the institution.

Leadership team dedicated to continuous innovation

The institution has an established leadership team that is dedicated to advancing the vision of learning in the institution. The team must include the head of the unit, a senior leader, a technology leader, a faculty leader, and at least one other leader in the institution who is focused on continuous innovation.

What makes your school stand out

Alignment to the Apple Distinguished Schools rubric

The rubric drives the institution's work toward continuous innovation in teaching and learning and is used as a tool to measure the institution's progress in becoming an Apple Distinguished School.

Inspire

The institution inspires students to lead, learn, and thrive in our dynamic world.

Imagine

The institution empowers learners to discover new possibilities and solutions.

Impact

The institution commits to leaving the world better than you found it.

Being an Apple Distinguished School

As part of the Apple Distinguished School program, you will:

- Collaborate with a worldwide leadership network of like-minded peers.
- Be eligible to participate in engaging, relevant, and innovative professional learning opportunities.
- Engage with the Apple Education team.
- Receive exclusive program communications and invitations to leadership events.
- Receive the Apple Distinguished School logo artwork to use in your communication materials.
- Be included in the Apple Distinguished Schools worldwide directory.
- Receive framed and digital versions of a personalized Apple Distinguished School certificate.

What's expected as an Apple Distinguished School

- Continuously innovate and explore cutting-edge opportunities for using Apple technology to design the future of education.
- Engage with Apple and a worldwide network of institution leaders to investigate and support the integration of new education products, curriculum, and services.
- Inspire others through hosting site visits and showcasing your institution's ongoing success within and outside the community.
- Participate in Apple Distinguished Schools events, programming, and networking activities.



More about becoming an Apple Distinguished School

The Apple Distinguished Schools program is by invitation only for accredited public and private institutions that meet the program qualification and eligibility requirements. Recognition is for three years, with an opportunity to be invited to continue in the program. Apple reviews all requests to ensure that institutions meet the current program qualifications.

Contact us at ADSprogram@apple.com for more information, and work with your local Apple education representative or reseller who'll support your journey in becoming an Apple Distinguished School.

