



Mac OS X Leopard in Education

A new, smarter learning environment.

For years, Mac OS X has provided schools with a stable and secure computing environment for 21st-century teaching and learning. Now the bar is raised even higher with Mac OS X version 10.5 Leopard. Packed with advanced features, Leopard offers easy integration, greater stability, and even more security, allowing educators and students to do remarkable things—easily.



10 Reasons for Mac OS X Leopard in Education

1. A great value.

With Mac OS X, schools experience high value through simplified administration, a shortened learning curve, and open standards, saving costs in administration, training, and software customization. Mac OS X Leopard adds even more value with over 300 innovative new features including powerful accessibility, collaboration, and content management technologies. All these new capabilities add up to a more productive and engaging learning environment.

2. Easy to learn and use.

Mac OS X provides the ease of use that is the hallmark of Apple products. All Mac OS X applications share the same familiar interface and common menu commands. The Dock provides a convenient location to instantly access applications and frequently used files. The new Cover Flow feature lets students flip through files, displaying each file as a large preview of its first page, and even click through multipage documents or play movies without having to launch the application. These are among the many features in Mac OS X that help students focus on learning, not on technology.

3. A rich suite of built-in applications.

Mac OS X includes many built-in applications that are ideal for teaching and learning. For on-demand access to information, Dashboard provides a host of mini-applications, called widgets, that are instantly available. And with the new Web Clip feature, students can copy any portion of a web page and turn it into a widget that is updated whenever content on the originating page is refreshed. Safari—the fastest web browser for the Mac—includes enhanced features such as tabbed browsing, which lets students open multiple web pages and switch between them in a single window. The iCal calendar makes it easy for teachers and students to track school events, assignments, and to-do lists. Other useful tools such as a mail program, graphing calculator, word processor, dictionary, and translator give students and teachers all the resources they need, at no added cost.

4. Highly compatible—even runs Windows.

Mac OS X fits easily into any existing computing environment. It offers extensive Windows compatibility, letting students share and print files and easily access Windows networks, without additional configuration or costs. Mac OS X runs the latest education software, as well as productivity software such as Microsoft Office. And if one special application is needed that only runs on Windows, Mac OS X can do that too. With the Boot Camp feature, Windows and Mac OS X applications can both run on one computer.¹

5. No child left behind—or overlooked.

Mac OS X has always included a wide range of accessibility features for students with disabilities and special learning needs, and Mac OS X Leopard adds even more. Some of these include text-to-speech synthesis, Braille support, screen zooming, multiple languages, and sticky keys. Also included is VoiceOver, a fully integrated screen reader technology, and a new synthesized English voice, called Alex, that uses advanced, patented Apple technologies to deliver natural intonation, even at very fast speaking rates. Alex works with any application that supports Apple's speech synthesis. These new accessibility features make Mac OS X Leopard the most accessible Mac OS ever.

6. Super-charged collaboration.

Mac OS X opens up a whole new world of collaborative possibilities. iChat makes it easy for students to share their ideas using text, audio, and live video chats.² With the new iChat Theater, they can deliver almost any kind of presentation remotely, with their slides, photos, or movies appearing onscreen with their live video image. iChat Theater also makes it easy to virtually bring guest speakers to class and interact with them as if they were in the room. The new screen-sharing feature lets authorized educators and students observe and control the display of another computer across the room or across the globe. It is also a convenient way for help desk staff to assist teachers or students with their technical questions.

7. Keeps students organized.

Mac OS X Leopard offers new features that help students stay organized and instantly find what they need. Quick Look lets students browse, view, and page through their files without opening them. Spaces provides a quick and convenient way to organize files needed for multiple projects. And Spotlight makes searching for media and files—on the desktop and across the network—incredibly easy.

8. Multiuser friendly and easy to manage.

Mac OS X is ideal for multiple users. Configuring user accounts, home directories, network settings, and applications couldn't be easier. With a simple setup, teachers can use the parental controls feature to manage, monitor, and control the time their students spend on the Mac computer. A new content filter in Mac OS X Leopard takes a quick peek at websites before they load and determines if they're suitable for students. If not, Leopard blocks the sites from view. Teachers can also create a list of specific websites they want their students to visit.

9. Embraces open standards.

Mac OS X is the most open standards-based operating system available, thanks to its UNIX foundation and Apple's commitment to the open source community. Mac OS X Leopard has built-in support for wireless access (including 802.11n); Bonjour, an instant network discovery technology; and LDAP services for integration with managed network environments. Also included is QuickTime 7, which runs video files in the new H.264 video compression standard. With standards-based systems, you get the most from your technology investment—today and in the future.

10. Designed with security in mind.

Mac OS X is built with extensive security features, giving educators the option of controlling student access to questionable websites and chat buddies. Mac OS X Leopard logs student activities, keeping track of websites they've seen, applications they've used, and people with whom they've chatted. And IT departments have a lot less to worry about—Leopard can be configured with an automatic firewall that never advertises its presence on the Internet. These security measures protect your network from viruses and malicious attacks and help ensure the integrity of sensitive files.

To learn more about Apple in education, visit www.apple.com/education or call 800-800-2775 to speak to an Apple education representative.

¹Boot Camp requires a Mac with an Intel processor and Windows XP Service Pack 2 or Windows Vista (sold separately).

²Broadband Internet access required for video chat; fees may apply.