

# THE COST OF \$CHOOL \$PIRIT

by senior Klaire Krapfl

Buying t-shirts for school activities can really add up. But, for some people, showing your Pirate Pride is priceless.

In 2019 alone, 23 t-shirts were available for HHS students to purchase. If one were to purchase all t-shirts sold that year, they would have spent around \$309.

This means that if you were a student at HHS for four years and bought every t-shirt available, you could have spent approximately \$1,236.

Senior Tara Jochumsen bought 19 t-shirts last semester, costing her about \$228. Jochumsen was motivated to purchase so many t-shirts because of the designs and her desire to support the activities she was involved in.

She's not alone. Of the 126 HHS students polled, 10% said they purchase t-shirts to support the activities they are involved in. Another 27% said they buy t-shirts because they need more clothing to wear. Seventeen percent purchase t-shirts to raise money for boosters.

For senior Alison Peck, buying Hudson t-shirts means gaining a keepsake. Peck plans to use all of her Pirate shirts to make a t-shirt blanket.

Said Peck, "I buy Hudson t-shirts so I can look back on all of the memories that I made here."

**72%** of students polled believe that they do not have too many Hudson t-shirts.



## HUDSON T-SHIRTS SOLD IN 2019

- Boosters General Order - \$12 | Wrestling - \$10 | State Wrestling - \$10
- | State Volleyball - \$10 Boys Basketball - \$10 | State Cross Country - \$14 | Girls Basketball - \$10 | Cross Country - \$12 | Volleyball - \$10 | Girls Track - \$10 | Boys Track - \$10 | Girls State Track \$15 | Boys State track \$15
- | Girls/Boys Golf - \$10 | Dance \$12 | Softball - \$10 | Baseball - \$10 | Football - \$10 | Girls Soccer - \$10 | Boys Soccer - \$10 | Boys State Soccer - \$12
- | Dance Marathon - \$15 | Band - \$12 | Dance \$15 | Journalism - \$16 | Student Council - \$12 | FFA - \$10 | Trapshooting - \$12 | Homecoming - \$12



Senior Tara Jochumsen had purchased the most shirts in 2019, according to a Pirate Press survey. Jochumsen said she purchased 19 shirts because "I like the different t-shirt designs and enjoy supporting multiple teams."

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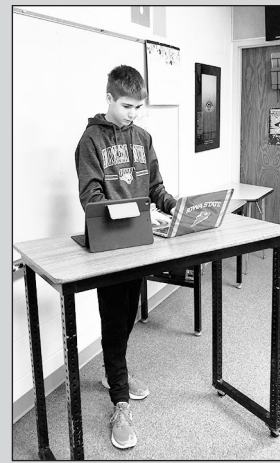


photo by freshman Josie Bergmeier

Freshman Drew Hansen uses a school-issued laptop and iPad to present in English. Hansen was one of five students chosen to test iPad use.

## Hudson School District explores future with student devices

by senior Abby Gaudian

The administrative and technology teams are exploring new student devices for grades 5-12 for the 2020-2021 school year.

On Nov. 12, technology director Kevin Murray and technology coach Mike Lewis met with an Apple vendor to discuss the future for Hudson's 1:1 initiative- a device for each student. With the current 4-year contract with Apple ending, the Hudson team now finds itself

deciding between MacBooks, Chromebooks, and iPads moving forward.

A driving factor in choosing a device for students is cost. MacBooks have a starting price of around \$1,000 each for the district. It's been even more costly to repair them. Hudson has spent \$34,073 since going 1:1 in 2016.

In contrast, Chromebooks cost \$250-\$800 each, and if damaged, can be easily replaced because they are so inexpensive.

But, the cost is not the only factor the team is considering. Durability, reliability, and compatibility are also being weighed. As a result, according to superintendent Dr. Tony Voss, the Apple iPad may be a better fit for students because of its sturdiness and powerful computing power. In addition, iPads are easy to use and convenient for students to carry.

"We are primarily making sure that we are giving students the best tool for their education and spending the district's money wisely," said Lewis.

The final decision will be made by the school board based on the recommendation given by Voss at the Feb. 17 board meeting. The new student devices will then be implemented into the 2020-2021 school year.

