

Gloucester City Public Schools Chromebook Basics

- All Chromebooks are supplied with the latest Google Chrome Operating System (OS). The Chrome OS will automatically install updates when the computer is shut down and restarted. There is no need for virus protection with the Chrome OS. Chrome provides multiple layers of protection against viruses and malware, including data encryption.
- Chromebooks seamlessly integrate with Google's G-Suite of productivity and collaboration tools (previously called GAFE -- Google Apps for Education). G-Suite includes Google Docs (word processing), Google Sheets (spreadsheets), Google Slides (presentations), Google Drawing, and Forms. G-Suite is a free service that is designed to
- Provide students with access to current technology applications and free tools designed to promote collaboration between students and teachers
- Give students the ability to work on their documents in school, home, or any location that is connected to the Internet via a laptop, desktop, or mobile device. They provide students with the ability to work collaboratively, engage in peer-editing of documents, and publish their work to be viewed by teachers and other students in the classroom.
- The District provides G-Suite accounts for all administrators, teachers, students, and support staff. Additional apps may be installed (pushed out) remotely to Chromebooks by the Technology Department to support teaching and learning.
- Students will create and save their school-related files to Google Drive, which is stored in the cloud (Google servers). Students can access their Gloucester City Public Schools Google Drive from their Chromebook or any other computer device with Internet access. The speed and stability of your internet connection will have an impact on the speed and stability of the Chromebook.
- Email and Drive activity is monitored by the District and is subject to the filtering of inappropriate content. Students are expected to adhere to District's Acceptable Use Policy.
- Extensions and Add-Ons are custom features that users can add to the Google Chrome browser to enhance the functionality of apps. The District will install apps, extensions and add-ons as they are approved by the Department of Technology.
- The District uses a centralized Chromebook management system, which is utilized to change security settings, update software, add or remove applications, and monitor usage. Periodic checks of the Chromebooks will be made throughout the school year.
- If you need assistance with your student Chromebook, email technologyhelp@gcsd.k12.nj.us for help
- For help with your internet connection, please contact your internet service provider.