



What is a Chromebook?

A Chromebook is a laptop that runs on Google's web-based operating system Chrome OS.

Chromebooks are integrated with Google applications (apps) such as Gmail, Google Calendar and Google Drive.

What is G Suite for Education?

G suite for Education (formerly known as Google Apps for Education or GAFE) contains the Google applications mentioned above as well as others, such as Google Classroom and Hangouts. The suite of applications supports collaboration between students and teachers and will be added to as more applications are introduced that enhance teaching and learning. We have over 45,000 G suite users in our ACT public schools already.

The ACT Government has also added additional tools to the G-Suite to enhance functionality, such as Read&Write for Google Chrome, which automatically reads text to students and can capture speech and turn it into text. There are also apps that will convert handwriting to characters. Although available to all students, these features are particularly beneficial in supporting students with learning difficulties.

Why Chromebooks?

Over 91% of new devices purchased by ACT public schools in the last year are Chromebooks. More than 12,000 are in use and climbing. Aside from being well received by schools, Chromebooks:

- are super-fast– starting up in less than seven seconds
- have a high level of processing power
- have a long battery life
- are easy to use
- are durable
- light weight
- automatically update
- have a camera
- compliment the G Suite for Education program across ACT public schools

Chromebooks are also capable and versatile in developing coding and computational thinking skills. There are a number of free web app-based integrated development environments (IDEs) that can be used to write and edit code

How are documents saved?

Everything is saved on the web automatically, which means you can access your information from anywhere and if you don't have access to your Chromebook, you can access the information using another device.

Using Chromebooks Offline

Chromebooks are designed to primarily be used with an Internet connection; however there are hundreds of offline applications that can work without a connection. The following are just some tasks that can be managed offline:

- emails can be composed and read with Gmail Offline
- documents can be created and edited with Google Drive Offline
- Check calendar appointments
- Note take with Google Keep
- Save webpages for reading offline

When the Chromebook has an internet connection the offline applications will automatically sync and save.

Chromebook Spin 11

The Chromebook Spin 11 is the device selected for the TEL program. The Chromebook Spin is manufactured by Acer and offers premium features, including front and rear cameras, high resolution screen, a touch capability, 360° hinging and stylus capability. The device is fit for educational purpose, has a robust, military-grade build and is tamper proof and spill resistant.



Further information about the Acer Chromebook Spin 11 is available at <https://www.acer.com/ac/en/US/content/series/acerchromebookspin11>