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DOING GREAT THINGS WITH TECHNOLOGY?

Tell us about it. We would love to visit your class.

Contact your instructional technology coach to schedule a visit.

Welcome to Chrome App Sync

Over the last year-and-a-half, we have deployed more than 400 Chromebook carts in the district. In addition, many campuses have replaced classroom computers with Chromebooks. All told, there are more than 13,000 Chromebooks in use in Conroe ISD. Each device requires students to login to their Google Drive account to access its full functionality. To greater expand the functionality of Chromebooks for students, Chrome App Sync has been enabled. This has been a month-long process, and Chrome App Sync is now enabled for all students in the district. The question is: What does this mean in practice?

Students now have access to their installed Chrome apps and extensions on Chromebooks each time they use a device. In addition, bookmarks saved when logged into a Chromebook will be retained in student accounts. Prior to enabling Chrome App Sync, students were required to download apps and extensions each time they logged into a Chromebook. Bookmarks did not save to student accounts before Chrome App Sync was enabled.

Even though apps students download are now associated with their accounts, only apps available in the *For conroeisd.net* section of the Chrome Web Store are available for download by students. More information on the Web Store and downloading apps and extensions is found on page two of this newsletter. If you are interested in having an app or extension made available to students through the *For conroeisd.net* section of the Chrome Web Store, please email the app or extension information to the district instructional technology coach who supports your campus. Campus support assignments for instructional coaches are found at the bottom of this page. For additional information about Chrome App Sync or with any questions, contact Jarod Lambert at jlambert@conroeisd.net.

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Chrome Apps, Extensions, Add-ons, and Bookmarks

Chrome Apps

Chrome apps are web-based applications that work within the Google Chrome browser. They are found in the [Chrome Web Store](#) and are accessible from any Chromebook when you sign in with your CISD Google account. An app installed using a CISD Google account will be found in the “All Apps” section of the Chromebook Launcher. Teachers may go to the Web Store, choose “Apps,” and search for an app by name or category. *Teachers may install any app.* Students may go to the Web Store and install apps only from the “**For conroeisd.net**” section.

View the list of apps available to students [here](#).

View and print step-by-step student instructions for adding apps to Chromebooks [here](#).

Chrome Extensions

A Chrome extension is a small program that can modify and enhance the functionality of the Chrome browser. These are found in the Web Store in the “Extensions” section.

Once installed, Chrome extensions are located in the Chrome browser toolbar. To remove, right-click on the extension and select “Remove from Chrome...”.



Add-ons



Add-ons are programs specifically for use within Google Docs or Sheets. They are not stand-alone apps and work only inside Google Docs or Sheets. In a Google Docs or Sheets, click “Add-ons > Get add-ons” to view available Add-ons.

Bookmarks

Bookmarks provide a quick way to save favorite websites. To create a bookmark, go to the website, then click the star in the web address bar. Select “Done” to save the bookmark.

To show the Bookmarks bar, click the Chrome browser menu (the triple dots in the top-right corner), hover the mouse over “Bookmarks,” then select “Show Bookmarks bar”.

Helpful Chromebook Shortcuts

Delete: Alt + Backspace	Entire Screen Screenshot: Ctrl + 	Recover Tabs: Ctrl + Shift + T	New Tab: Ctrl + T
Delete Word: Ctrl + Backspace	Selected Area Screenshot: Ctrl + Shift + 	Jump to a Tab: Ctrl + number of tab to jump to (1-8)	Sign Out: Ctrl + Shift + Q (twice)
Caps Lock: Alt + Search	Open File Manager: Alt + Shift + M	Right-Click: Click/Tap with Two Fingers <i>or</i> Alt + One Finger Click/Tap	Display All Keyboard Shortcuts: Ctrl + Alt + ?