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## **What is a Chromebook?**

You can think of a Chromebook as an Internet-dependent laptop that starts up super fast (roughly 7 seconds, or a fraction of the time it takes to boot an old Windows computer). They are relatively lightweight and powered by Google's Chrome operating system. The device's name gives you a clue of what kind of operating system it uses, and the only app natively stored that runs on the device is a browser. Everything else is composed of Web apps (email, photos, documents), or apps that run while you're connected to a network. Of course, this means there's very little you can do on the Chromebook without Internet access. The high point about everything being saved on the Web is that you will have access to it from any computer at school or home.



You can still use a Chromebook in the absence of an Internet connection as long as you download offline versions of Web apps, such as Gmail Offline. The offline Web apps selection, however, is pretty limited at this point in time.

## **Chromebooks at Pinewood**

The school will be deploying 80-100 Dell Chromebooks in the Fall of 2015 for teachers in middle and high school to use for in-class research, writing, presentations, and spreadsheets. The iPads (over 60 on campus) will be reserved primarily for lower school students and the science department. Both the science department and Global Studies have their own iPads. The iPads were first introduced in the fall of 2012.

All students and faculty will have access to Google Drive accounts to manage data and documents. Google Drive is a file storage and synchronization service, which enables user cloud storage, file sharing and collaborative editing. Google Drive is the home of Google Docs, Sheets and Slides, an office suite of productivity applications that offer collaborative editing on documents, spreadsheets, presentations, drawings, forms, and more.



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