

Student Chromebook Guide

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Tethering Chromebook to a Cell Phone

Connect to your phone's network

You can use your phone's mobile data to connect your Chromebook to the internet. Sharing a connection this way is called tethering or using a portable hotspot.

What you need

- Chrome OS version 71 and up. [Learn how to update your Chromebook software.](#)
- Android version 8.1 and up. [Learn how to check your Android version.](#)
- A Google Account that you're signed in to, both on your phone and your Chromebook.

[One of these Chromebooks](#)

Connect your Chromebook to your phone

1. On your Chromebook, at the bottom right, select the time.
2. Select Settings .
3. Under "Connected devices," next to "Android phone," select Set up.
4. Enter your password and follow the steps. Once completed, you'll get a confirmation on your phone.
5. On your Chromebook, under "Enabled," select which features you want to turn on.

Tip: [Learn how to connect your Android phone to your Chromebook.](#)

Use your phone's data connection

6. On your phone, [turn on Bluetooth.](#)
7. On your Chromebook, at the bottom right, select the time.
8. Select your Wi-Fi network or No network .
9. Under "Mobile data," select your phone.
10. When you see "Connected" under your phone's name, your phone is sharing its data connection with your Chromebook.

Stop sharing your phone's data connection

To stop tethering your phone's data connection, find the "Sharing data connection" notification on your phone and tap Disconnect.

Expect more battery use and possible data charges

Sharing your phone's data connection can use a lot of your phone's battery. We recommend:

- Plugging in your phone while it shares its data connection
- Turning off data connections when you're done with them

Important: Some mobile carriers limit or charge extra for tethering. We recommend that you check with your phone's mobile carrier.

Available WiFi Assistance by Cell Phone Service Providers

Expanded or Unlimited Bandwidth and Tethering Services by Phone Carrier

***** The information below was collected as of March 28, 2020. Since then, the service providers may have change their offerings. Please continue to check with your service provider to obtain the latest information. We are providing this information to help the campus community to be aware of various offerings however, we cannot guarantee the information.**

Carrier Comparison Chart

	<u>Sprint</u>	<u>Verizon</u>	<u>Tmobile</u>	<u>AT&T</u>	<u>Cricket Wireless</u>
Additional bandwidth offered in GB during Covid 19	unlimited	15	5	10	10
Days for extra bandwidth during Covid 19 (Since 3/17)	60	60	60	60	60
Additional tethering offered during Covid 19	20	15	20	0	0
Days for extra tethering during Covid 19 (Since 3/17)	60	60	60	0	0
	<u>MetroPCS</u>	<u>Boost Mobile</u>	<u>Simple Mobile</u>	<u>Mint Mobile</u>	<u>Tello</u>
Additional bandwidth offered in GB during Covid 19		20	unlimited	unlimited	x2
Days for extra bandwidth during Covid 19 (Since 3/17)		60	60	30	
Additional tethering offered during Covid 19		20	3 to 15	0	0
Days for extra tethering during Covid 19 (Since 3/17)		60	60	0	0
	<u>Twigby</u>	<u>US Mobile</u>	<u>Good2Go Mobile</u>	<u>Consumer Cellular</u>	<u>H2O Wireless</u>
Additional bandwidth offered in GB during Covid 19			x2	up to 55	

Days for extra bandwidth during Covid 19 (Since 3/17)			60	60	
Additional tethering offered during Covid 19			0	0	
Days for extra tethering during Covid 19 (Since 3/17)			0	0	
	<u>Reach Mobile</u>	<u>Red Pocket</u>	<u>Straight Talk Wireless</u>	<u>Spectrum Mobile</u>	<u>Ultra Mobile</u>
Additional bandwidth offered in GB during Covid 19				0	
Days for extra bandwidth during Covid 19 (Since 3/17)				0	
Additional tethering offered during Covid 19				unlimited	
Days for extra tethering during Covid 19 (Since 3/17)				60	
	<u>TracPhone</u>	<u>Total Wireless</u>	<u>Gen Mobile</u>	<u>Project Fi</u>	<u>Wing</u>
Additional bandwidth offered in GB during Covid 19					
Days for extra bandwidth during Covid 19 (Since 3/17)					
Additional tethering offered during Covid 19					
Days for extra tethering during Covid 19 (Since 3/17)					
	<u>Xfinity Mobile</u>	<u>FreeUp Mobile</u>	<u>Net10</u>	<u>Page Plus</u>	<u>Pure Talk USA</u>
Additional bandwidth offered in GB during Covid 19	unlimited				
Days for extra bandwidth during Covid 19 (Since 3/17)	60				
Additional tethering offered during Covid 19	unlimited				
Days for extra tethering during Covid 19 (Since 3/17)	60				
	<u>Text Now</u>	<u>Pix Wireless</u>	<u>US Cellular</u>	<u>Republic Wireless</u>	<u>Great Call</u>
Additional bandwidth offered in GB during Covid 19			0		
Days for extra bandwidth during Covid 19 (Since 3/17)			0		
Additional tethering offered during Covid 19			15		
Days for extra tethering during Covid 19 (Since 3/17)			90		
	<u>Credo Mobile</u>	<u>I3 Mobile</u>	<u>Virgin Mobile</u>		
Additional bandwidth offered in GB during Covid 19					
Days for extra bandwidth during Covid 19 (Since 3/17)					

Additional tethering offered during Covid 19			
Days for extra tethering during Covid 19 (Since 3/17)			

Using Office 365 on a Chromebook

Resources

- [BSU Office 365 for Students Resource Page](#)
Login and Support information
- [Office 365 Main Login](#)
- [How to install and run Microsoft Office on a Chromebook](#)
- [Office 365 Browser Extension for Chrome](#)

Note:

- You cannot install the Windows or Mac desktop versions of Office 365 or Office 2016 on a Chromebook.
- The Android version of the **OneDrive** app is not currently supported on Chromebook (as of 03/27/2020). You should still be able to access OneDrive in the Chrome browser.