



## Exploring Microsoft's Intune for Education

Encouraging and nurturing K-12 students' love of learning doesn't happen overnight; it is a major time investment for teachers. However, setting up the technological tools to support educators should not be time consuming. Often, when new education technology - both hardware and software - is deployed, the process is time intensive and cumbersome.

With Intune for Education by Microsoft, IT can set up a classroom in an hour. This includes Windows 10 devices, user accounts, and the apps necessary to support a fluid and functional 21st century learning environment. You read that right - one hour.

From counting down the days and weeks to counting mere minutes, educators, students, and parents are able to quickly - and easily - access the classroom content and communication tools they need via Microsoft's Intune for Education. Learn more below.

### What is Intune?

Intune for Education is an environment from which all classroom devices and apps can be deployed, moderated, and updated. Think of it as a control center that deploys and manages new and existing apps and devices all in one place. Imagine being able to ensure the best performance of hundreds of devices all through one platform. It's possible with Intune for Education.

No more updating laptops separately from the teacher's desktop. No more waiting for apps to update because nobody has used the device recently. No more gathering all the devices to physically perform updates. Instead, everything can be handled remotely and pushed to the devices, ensuring the most efficient use of classroom time next time the devices are needed in a lesson. Intune for Education is even designed to be user friendly to non-IT staff.

### Features of Intune for Education

Intune for Education is highly-customized specific to education. It offers features like management of Windows 10 device, web apps, apps from the Windows Store for Business, and Win32 desktop apps. It comes with the wizards, default settings, and group types that are relevant for schools. In addition, Intune for Education supports shared devices, roaming user settings, and a device lockdown mode for student testing. It also integrates with Office 365 for Education and pulls directory data from student information systems (SIS) via School Data Sync.

### What Does This Mean for Schools?

Intune for Education enables Microsoft to compete with Google's Chromebooks. Microsoft indicates their Windows 10 devices are affordable and with Intune, as easily managed en masse. However, Microsoft claims their Windows 10 operating systems offer more range of functions than the web-based Chromebooks. Districts and schools looking to invest in 1:1 solutions will enjoy weighing the pros and cons of Chromebooks and Windows devices supported by Intune for Education.

To learn more about Intune for Education or the educational technology options that best suit your budget, student population, and objectives, [contact a Troxell account executive](#) today. Our reps are extremely knowledgeable and are ready to help you make the best - and best fitting - technology buy possible.