

***NESHANNOCK
TOWNSHIP
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CHROMEBOOK
USER GUIDE***

*For Lenovo N23
Chromebooks and
HP G5 Chromebooks*



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1. Chromebooks vs. Other Computers and NTSD's Expectations

Chromebooks are a unique type of computer which are largely web based through services provided by Google. Though most users are primarily familiar with Mac and Windows machines, Chromebooks are just as powerful and effective. These computers do not use programs such as Microsoft Office, but rather place focus on Google Apps which is an equivalent software that saves work and documents to the user's Google login. Staff and student Google accounts are provided by the Neshannock Township School District.

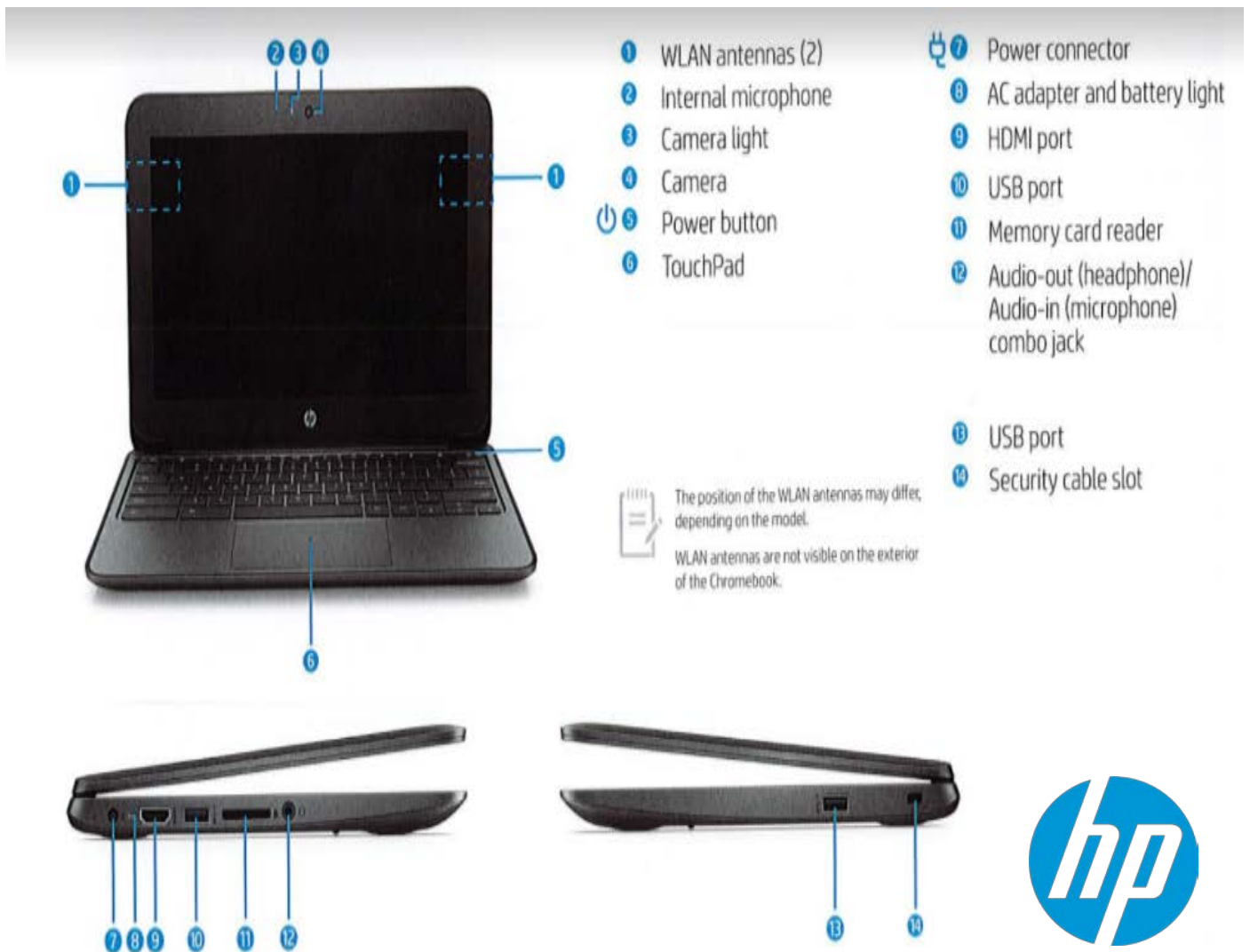
These machines are versatile and ideal for education, as instructors are able to program applications into their student's devices which make learning collaborative and more interactive than ever before. The Chromebooks challenge and engage today's learners while giving them access to resources all over the world.

This state of the art technology will be used to incorporate Google Apps and other services into various lessons in order to provide a well-rounded, modern education to the students of the Neshannock Township School District.

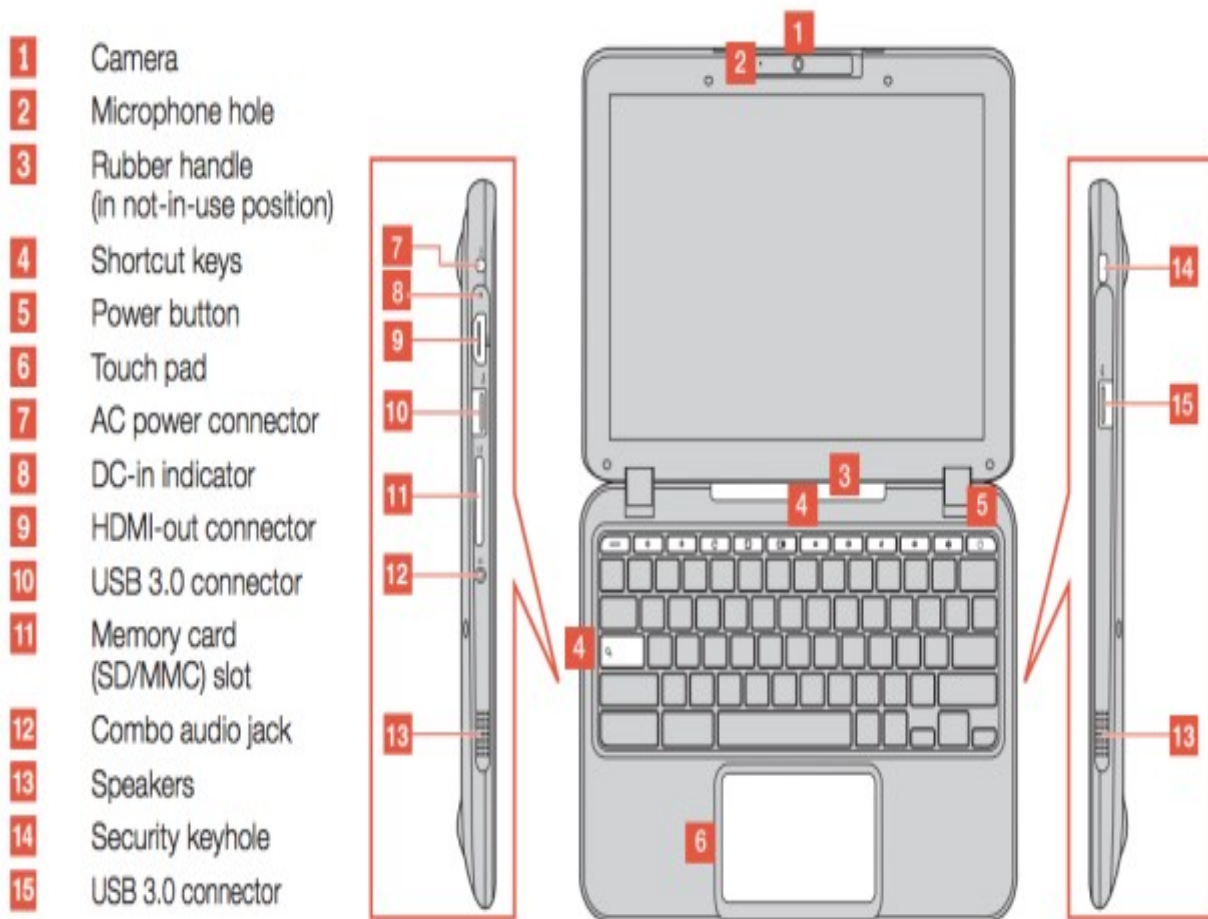
2. Hardware

Exterior Diagram

Below is a diagram of the exterior of the Lenovo N23 Chromebook and HP G5 Chromebook. It is critical that the user is familiar with each port and its particular function. The port of most importance is the AC Power Connector. Each student must plug their Chromebook in at the end of the school day as well as ensure that the indicator light is on in order to maintain enough charge for the next.



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Keyboard

Note that the keyboard itself is rather different than that of a common Windows or Mac computer. The top row of keys is a notable difference from other machines, but it provides user-friendly tools to ensure seamless ease of use. It is also noticeable that there is a lack of a traditional “Caps Lock” key. In place, there is a search button, but using key combinations, Caps Lock can be activated. Below is a guide to both one and several key combinations that perform particular functions while navigating through the Chromebook.

One key

Back	Decrease brightness
Forward	Mute
Reload page	Volume down
Full screen	Volume up
Switch window	Power off/Lock screen
Increase brightness	Search

Two-key combinations

Ctrl - : Take screenshot	Alt - : Toggle caps lock
Ctrl - -: Zoom out	Alt - Shift: Cycle through input methods
Ctrl - +: Zoom in	Alt - [: Dock window left
Ctrl - 0: Reset zoom	Alt -]: Dock window right
Ctrl - D: Bookmark current page	Alt - : Back
Ctrl - R: Reload page	Alt - : Forward
Ctrl - N: Open a new window	Alt - : Page up
Ctrl - M: Minimize window	Alt - : Page down
Ctrl - W: Close tab	Alt - : Switch primary monitor
Ctrl - ?: Start Help	Shift - Esc: Start the task manager

Three-key combinations

Ctrl - Shift - Q: Sign out	Alt - Shift - M: Start the file manager
Ctrl - Shift - : Rotate screen	

Note: For a complete list of keyboard shortcuts, press Ctrl - Alt - /.

Mouse Controls

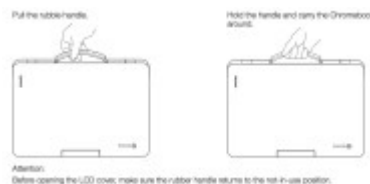
The mouse on the Chromebooks are controlled by a touch pad. This system is similar to that of a MacBook, as there is no “left” or “right” click. Rather, there is a one or two finger click system. To perform what would be a “left”, or primary, click, one finger should be pressed down on the touch pad. In order to perform what would be a “right”, or secondary, click, two fingers should be pressed down on the touch pad. Scrolling on these specific Chromebooks is facilitated by using two fingers and swiping them up or down on the touch pad. Three fingers can also be used in a swiping motion to aid in seamless navigation between both web pages in chrome and entirely different applications throughout the software.

Screen Information

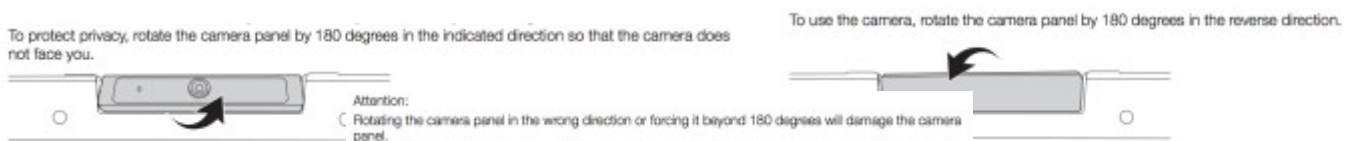
The screens have a 11.6 inch LED backlit display. It is important to keep these screens clean by not touching them. Once again, these displays **ARE NOT** touch screens, and should not be touched for maintenance purposes.

Miscellaneous Information

The Lenovo N23 Chromebooks are equipped with a rubber handle located on its back side that can be used during transportation between classes.



The Lenovo N23 Chromebooks also have a swivel mounted camera which has a 180 degree range of motion. It is important that students DO NOT extend these cameras beyond their intended range because it will damage the device and limit functionality.



General Precautions

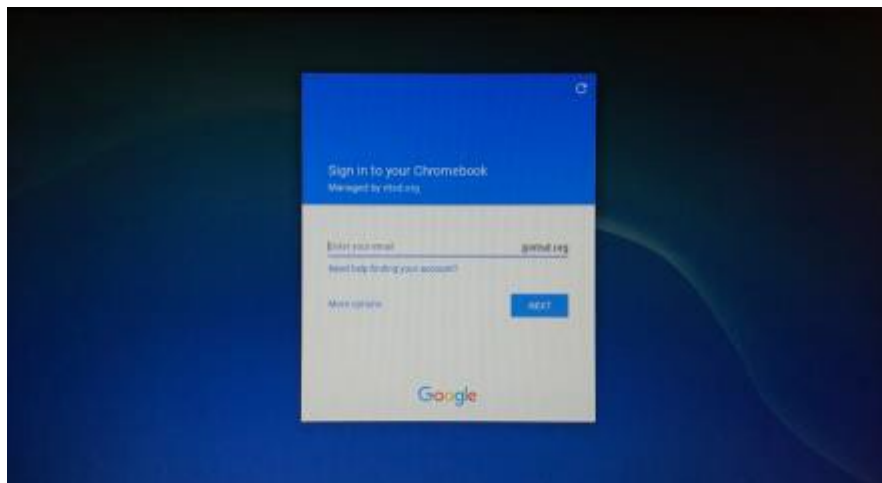
- No food or drink is allowed next to your Chromebook while it is in use.
- Cords, cables, and removable storage devices must be inserted carefully into the Chromebook.
- Students should never carry the Chromebook with the screen open.
- Chromebooks must remain free of any drawing, writing, or stickers. An ID label with the student's Chromebook number is preinstalled.
- Do not remove any pre-existing tags, labels, or IDs on your Chromebook.
- Do not attempt to open the device's shell to access keyboard, screen, or ports.
- Do not stack heavy books or objects on top of the Chromebook.
- Do not cover any vents. These are essential in keeping the device cool.
- Transport Chromebooks by using the built-in handle in every situation if available.
- Students are not authorized to use other students' Chromebooks.
- Students are not permitted to attempt to fix a Chromebook. Students must report any damage immediately to the teacher. Teachers will fill out the NTSD Chromebook Repair Log found on the Technology Page at ntsd.org and forward the form to the Technology department the same day the form is filled out.
- Do not exchange Chromebooks with another student.
- Do not exchange login information/passwords with another student.
- Never move the Chromebook by lifting from the screen. Always support a Chromebook from its bottom with the lid closed or by using the built-in handle.
- Press Ctrl + Alt + ? (or Ctrl + Alt + /) to open a keyboard shortcut cheat sheet at any time. This cheat sheet allows you to view all your Chromebook keyboard shortcuts.

3. Software

Logging In

An **@ntsd.org** account is required to log in to a provided Chromebook. A user can log on by filling out their Google account information, which opens their drive and all saved files onto that specific Chromebook. It is important to note that nothing will be saved directly to these laptops, as everything will be on Google Drive and accessible anywhere a Google account can be signed in.

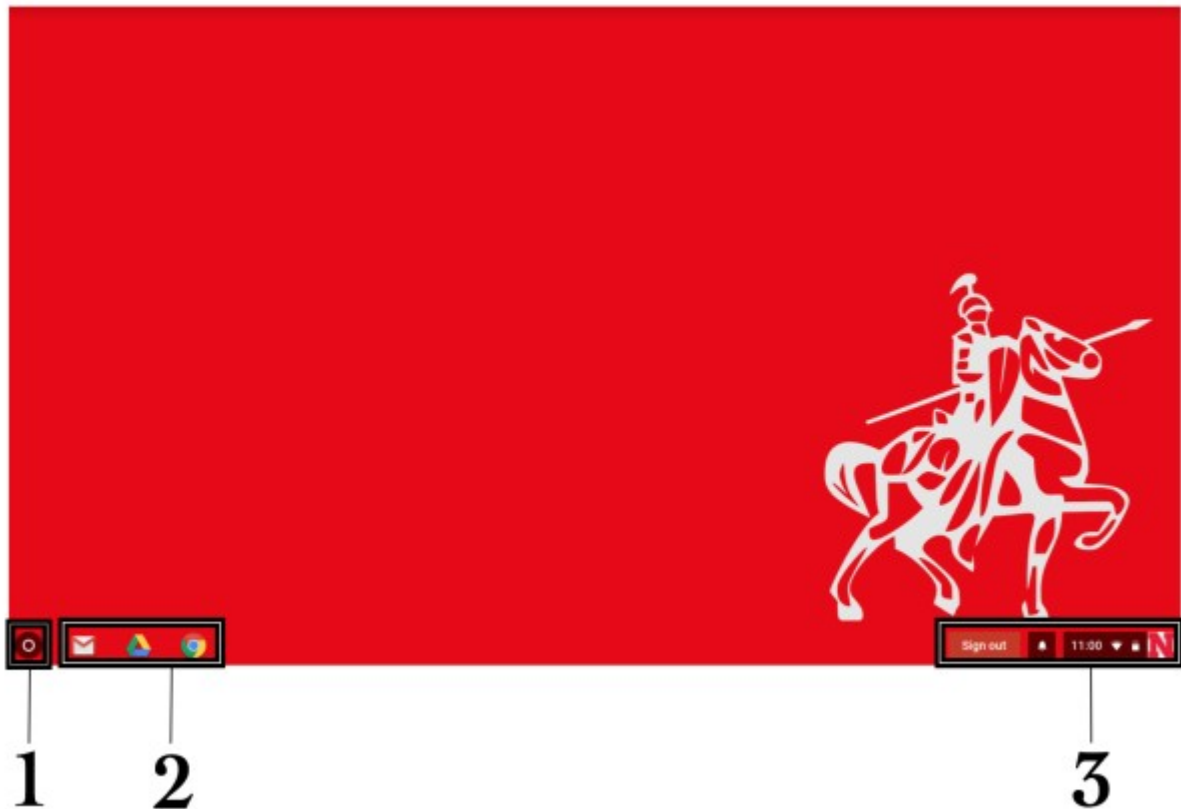
When the Chromebook is first opened, the following screen will appear. **Note that if this screen does not appear, please be patient and allow it to load.**



Students will sign in using their **@ntsd.org** account and then will be taken to their home page.

Once Logged In

Once logged into the Chromebook, the software differences from other operating systems are apparent. The home screen houses a task bar at its bottom which contains action items used to begin a session on the Chromebooks. The Launcher (1) acts as a tool to search for apps, documents, and any other software needed. Next to the launcher is the Quick Launch Bar (2), which acts as a quick gateway to the most essential applications such as Google Chrome, Docs, or YouTube. Finally, the Status Area (3) at the bottom right corner displays the time, Wi-Fi connectivity, and battery life. Next to the status area is the avatar of the user currently logged in. Upon clicking this avatar, settings and other options will be brought up in addition to the option to sign out of or shut down the Chromebook.



4. Neshannock Chromebook Procedures

General

Each student will receive one Chromebook with a unique identification number which will follow them throughout the school year. This Chromebook will be stored in the student's homeroom or 9th period classroom overnight in a cart which contains power supplies for charging.

Morning

Upon arriving at school, students will remove their respective Chromebooks from the carts in their homerooms or their 9th period classroom and log on to begin the day. Students will then carry their Chromebook throughout the day while following their schedule, as each class will incorporate them in various capacities.



End of the Day

At the end of the day, students must return to their homerooms or their 9th period classroom. Here they will make sure that their computer is signed out and shut down. The students will then place their Chromebook in their respective carts and ensure that the power supply is connected and the charging indicator light is on. The Chromebooks will charge there overnight in order to be prepared for use the next day

--- Remember ---

These machines must be treated with respect and care!

5. How to Use Your Chromebook

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<p style="text-align: center;">Use only apps that your teacher supplies</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Try to install applications on your own --- This will not work because permission is needed!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Be careful while carrying your Chromebook from class to class</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Carelessly toss your Chromebook around in between classes or attempt to knock a Chromebook out of someone's hands.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Always be aware of the location of your Chromebook</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Leave your Chromebook sitting in places where you can easily lose track of it like the gym, cafeteria, or auditorium</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">If your Chromebook is broken, make sure your teacher knows so you can get a temporary replacement while yours is getting repaired</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Hide problems or mistakes with your Chromebook which could eventually lead to an even larger problem</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Make sure that your Chromebook is properly plugged in and the charging indicator light is turned on before you leave for the day</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Carelessly toss your Chromebook in the charging cart and plug it into an incorrect port (like the audio jack)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Leave your Chromebook to charge in your cart before you leave school for the day</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Take your Chromebook home with you overnight --- It must stay at school!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Make sure that the Chromebook you pick up at the beginning of the day is your assigned number and not someone else's</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Take any Chromebook in the cart and begin to use it as if it were your own</p>