

# Which Microsoft Education Solution Is Right for Me?

Navigating the different Microsoft Education offerings can be tough. Use this infographic to discover which one is the right fit for you, based on where you are today—and where you want to go tomorrow. Look below for your current scenario and discover your path forward, then go to page 2 to learn more about each solution.

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## I have Google Chromebooks.

My organization already uses Chrome devices, but we want to benefit from Microsoft productivity tools, too.

I want to:

KEEP  
CHROME  
DEVICES

Office 365 A1

UPGRADE TO  
WINDOWS 10  
DEVICES

How many  
devices can  
I upgrade?

SOME

Microsoft  
365 A1

ALL

Do I need  
advanced  
options?\*

YES

Microsoft  
365 A5

NO

Microsoft  
365 A3

2

## I have a mixed operating system environment.

My organization uses a variety of devices, operating systems, and productivity tools. Our needs are device-specific.

How many devices  
can I upgrade?

SOME

Microsoft  
365 A1

ALL

Do I need  
advanced  
options?\*

YES

Microsoft  
365 A5

NO

Microsoft  
365 A3

3

## I already have Windows 10 devices.

My organization already uses Windows 10 devices, and we're ready for user-based licensing.

Do I need  
advanced options?\*

YES

Microsoft  
365 A5

NO

Microsoft  
365 A3

\***Advanced options** include capabilities like VOIP, Windows Defender Advanced Threat Protection, Cloud App Security, Threat Intelligence, MyAnalytics, and more.

## Take a closer look at the benefits of each Microsoft Education offering

### Office 365 A1

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The perfect entry to advanced learning tools, Office 365 A1 is free for qualified educational buyers.\* Improve learning with web versions of Word, PowerPoint, Excel, OneNote, and Outlook, plus education-focused technologies such as Learning Tools and Microsoft Teams with classroom experiences—all at no cost to you. Office 365 A1 includes Office Online, Exchange Online, Azure Active Directory Basic for Education, and Office 365 apps like Sway, Forms, and Teams.

### Microsoft 365 A1

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Microsoft 365 A1 is a per-device offering that includes the same digital learning tools as Office 365 A1. It also features some key additions, including Intune for Education for easier device management in school environments through streamlined deployment, zero-touch device management, and tools to help educators tackle common scenarios like shared devices. You'll also receive security benefits, like School Data Sync and Data Loss Prevention. Plus, you'll get Windows 10 Education A1, the operating system designed for schools.

### Microsoft 365 A3

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This user-based offering couples the advantages of Microsoft 365 A1 with the addition of Office 365 desktop apps as well as the learning-friendly Minecraft: Education Edition, more collaboration and learning tools, single sign-on capabilities, and added security features. Microsoft 365 A3 also comes equipped with Windows 10 Education A3, which includes Windows Defender Antivirus and Device Guard. But best of all? When you upgrade all your faculty, it's free for students.\*

### Microsoft 365 A5

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The most robust Microsoft plan for education, Microsoft 365 A5 builds on the benefits of the A3 version, and offers the same no-cost licensing benefits for students.\* In addition to tools like Intune and Minecraft: Education Edition, educators benefit from capabilities for enhanced Active Directory implementations, Power BI Pro, Cloud App Security, and Cloud PBX and PSTN conferencing. This offering is powered by Windows 10 Education A5, which includes Windows Defender Advanced Protection for added layers of security.

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