Amplify.
mCLASS App Best Practices (Chromebook)
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The mCLASS® App

Amplify assessments are conducted using the mCLASS® app on a supported mobile device.

- The mCLASS app is installed by creating a shortcut from the Google Chrome™ browser on your device’s home screen.
- Once you install the mCLASS app, use it to assess students and sync student data. You don’t need to use Chrome again.
- You log in to the mCLASS app with your Amplify user name and password.
- The first time you log in, you need to be connected to the Internet. After you log in, you don’t need an Internet connection to assess, though you must provide your password if your device is idle for more than 60 minutes.
- You do need an Internet connection to log out or to sync assessment data.
Supported Android™ Devices

Information about supported Chromebook™ devices is shown on the Device Compatibility page of the Amplify website.
Create the mCLASS App Shortcut
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Add the mCLASS app bookmark to your device's home screen to start assessments without having to open Chrome. This removes the address bar, giving you more room to view assessment screens.

1. With an active internet connection, open a Chrome browser window.

2. Go to mclasshome.com/assessment/.

3. Enter your Amplify user name and password, click OK, and wait for the Class/Application Selection screen to load.
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4. From the Assessment Selection Screen, click the Settings icon in the upper-right corner.

5. Select More Tools and Create Shortcut or Add to shelf.
6. Make sure the box labeled **Open as Window** is selected, and type mCLASS into the field to the right of the icon.

7. Click **Add**.

8. The icon is added to your shelf. Click **mCLASS** to access your assessments.
Best Practices

• **Optimize** mobile device performance.
• **Sync** frequently.
• Log out when you finish assessing if you [share your device](#) with other staff members.
Optimizing Device Performance

For best performance:

• Keep your device plugged in to the power outlet.
• Install updates when they become available.
• Close all other applications when assessing students.
• Restart your device at least once a week.
• If your device is still sluggish after you follow the recommendations in this guide, ask your local system administrator to fine-tune it.

You only need Internet access to log in, log out, and sync assessment data. Once you’re logged in, you do not need to connect to the Internet to assess students or unlock the mCLASS app after a period of inactivity.
Syncing the mCLASS App

The mCLASS app stores completed assessments on your device until you sync. If you delete the mCLASS app home screen icon after assessing, unsynced student assessment data is permanently lost. Sync often to help prevent accidental data loss.

Your institution may use settings that automatically clear your device’s caches when you close it. Before assessing, ask your network administrator to disable your device’s automatic cache- and cookie-clearing settings and confirm it does not automatically delete your locally saved data.

Sync your device whenever you have Internet access. You shouldn’t wait until you finish assessing all your students.

1. Make sure your device is connected to the Internet.
2. Open your Assessment List or Class List.
3. Tap the Sync button in the lower-left corner of the screen to sync your device.
4. If prompted, enter your Amplify user name and password and tap Sync. Tap Cancel to return to the previous screen without syncing.
5. When sync completes, tap OK to continue. The time and date of your most recent successful sync display to the right of the Sync button.
6. Log on to the Amplify home page to verify the assessment data has synced successfully.
Sharing Devices

Ideally, your institution has one mobile device for each assessor. We realize this might not always be possible. If you do share devices, please take these extra steps to ensure your assessment data is stored safely and your colleagues can log on to the mCLASS app to assess.

1. When you finish assessing, sync the mCLASS app.
2. Go to the Application Selection Screen by tapping mCLASS.
3. Tap Log Out.