

Hello,

We are excited to hear that you are interested in using Minecraft: Education Edition with your students. As a first step, please [see the tutorial here](#) for how WQSB staff can install Minecraft: Education Edition on your WQSB-managed Windows computer (recommended).

You and your students can also install Minecraft: Education Edition on any personal device (Windows PC, Mac, iPad, Chromebook) [using this link](#), then sign-in with your WQSB credentials.

If your students will be accessing Minecraft on WQSB Windows computers, please submit a HelpDesk ticket with the IDs/names of the computers where it needs to be installed. [See this tutorial](#) if you need assistance with this. ****Please note, the program will install for all users of that Windows computer. Students must be under clear instructions that even though the program will now be available on the computer, it is not to be run unless explicitly instructed by the teacher.***

If your students will be accessing Minecraft on a WQSB-managed Chromebooks, you will also need to submit a ticket but instead of the computer IDs, you will need to submit a class roster (first/last names and email addresses) of all students who will need access to Minecraft. If you receive any questions, the technician assigned the ticket can [refer to this document](#). Once you have received confirmation that your students have been setup to access Minecraft on Chromebooks, [see this video tutorial](#) or use the steps below:

To access Minecraft from a WQSB Chromebook once install permissions have been enabled:

On the next sign-in to your Chromebook with your WQSB credentials, you will see the "Play Store" icon appear at the bottom of the screen on your Chrome OS taskbar (to the right of the Google Chrome icon)

1. Click on the "Play Store" icon
2. Click "Minecraft: Education Edition"
3. Click the green "Install" button (*original download will be ~200 mb so may take some time based on connection speed and how many users are trying to download simultaneously*)
4. Once complete, click "Open" in the Play Store window (*the program can also be accessed by clicking on the Chrome OS "Launcher" icon in the bottom left corner of the screen*)
5. You will see Minecraft appears there as a button, click on it to open. Students can also Pin it to the Chrome OS "Launcher" for quick access.
6. Sign in when prompted with your WQSB credentials

Please review these special considerations if your students will be using Minecraft on Chromebooks:

1. All administration and staff should be aware that once students are set to have access to Minecraft on Chromebooks, they will be able to "see" that Minecraft: Education Edition is available to install when they sign into any WQSB-managed Chromebook.
2. Students must be under clear instructions that even though it is available, the program is not to be installed unless instructed by the teacher.
3. When teachers are requiring their students to download, install, and access Minecraft for class use, ideally it is on a permanent class set of Chromebooks and the student is assigned the same Chromebook each time. If using a mobile cart of Chromebooks, the teacher should book the same cart and assign the same Chromebook from that cart to the students each time they plan to use Minecraft. This will prevent the hard drives from filling up and will also save the students needing to re-download and install the ~200 mb file each time.

(Continued on next page)

For staff looking to learn more about Minecraft, see the resources below:

[Part 1 - Introduction to Minecraft: Education Edition](#)

- [Introduction to game-based learning](#)
- [Placing first blocks](#)
- [World and game management](#)
- [Lesson library, subject kits, and build challenges](#)

[Part 2 - Beyond the block](#)

- [Ethical citizenship](#)
- [Classroom readiness](#)
- [Assessment and feedback tools](#)
- [Collaborative gameplay](#)
- [Introduction to coding](#)

[Resources to share with Parents](#)

- [Parent's Guide](#)

I would be happy to connect with you to assist in getting Minecraft: Education Edition setup for use in your school or classroom. I am available to deliver PD sessions to full school staff or individual cycle teams and departments. I can also be present in your class in-person or virtually to assist with your first deployment of Minecraft: Education Edition with your students. Feel free to book a time for any of the above options into my calendar: edtech.westernquebec.ca/home/services

Regards,
Stuart Gray



Stuart Gray

Conseiller pédagonumérique
Education Technology Consultant
Commission scolaire Western Québec
Western Quebec School Board

edtech.westernquebec.ca
819.684.2336 x 570038
15 Katimavik, Gatineau, QC J9J0E9

