Kite®
Student Portal Updates

OVERVIEW

Chrome

There is not a new Student Portal app for the 2026 school year. The app is still a Chrome Web Store app which Google has confirmed they are supporting through July 2026.

However, to support this, the school IT staff will need to make a slight change in the Google Admin Console outlined below.

Windows

Windows will also have the same Student Portal app for the 2026 school year.

Windows 10 will no longer be supported.

This is a security policy to ensure student data and test security.

Due to the inability to determine whether of not a computer is enrolled in the Extended Security Updates (ESU) program for Windows 10, we will not be able to support Windows 10 devices.

Please note that the client may still run on Windows 10 devices, however, we will not be able to remedy all issues that may arise and will not patch to resolve any issues related to Windows 10.

Due to how Windows handles system-level geolocation APIs and their interaction with security-restricted environments, like Kite Student Portal, location access is required.

IT staff will need to make sure this is enabled as outlined below.

iPad

There are no changes for the 2026 school year.

Mac

There are no changes for the 2026 school year.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Google Admin Changes

As part of Google's ongoing deprecation of Chrome Apps, the last version of ChromeOS to support user-installed Chrome Apps will be M138, currently scheduled for release in July 2025.

Here's what this means for you:

Kite Student Portal will be disabled by default starting in M138.

Administrators will need to set a policy to re-enable the app to continue to use the app in kiosk mode.

Action:

In Google Admin You must set "Keep using Chrome apps in kiosk sessions for a limited time".

Navigate to Devices > Chrome > Settings > Device settings > Chrome Apps allowed for kiosk mode > Select "Keep using Chrome apps in kiosk sessions for a limited time"
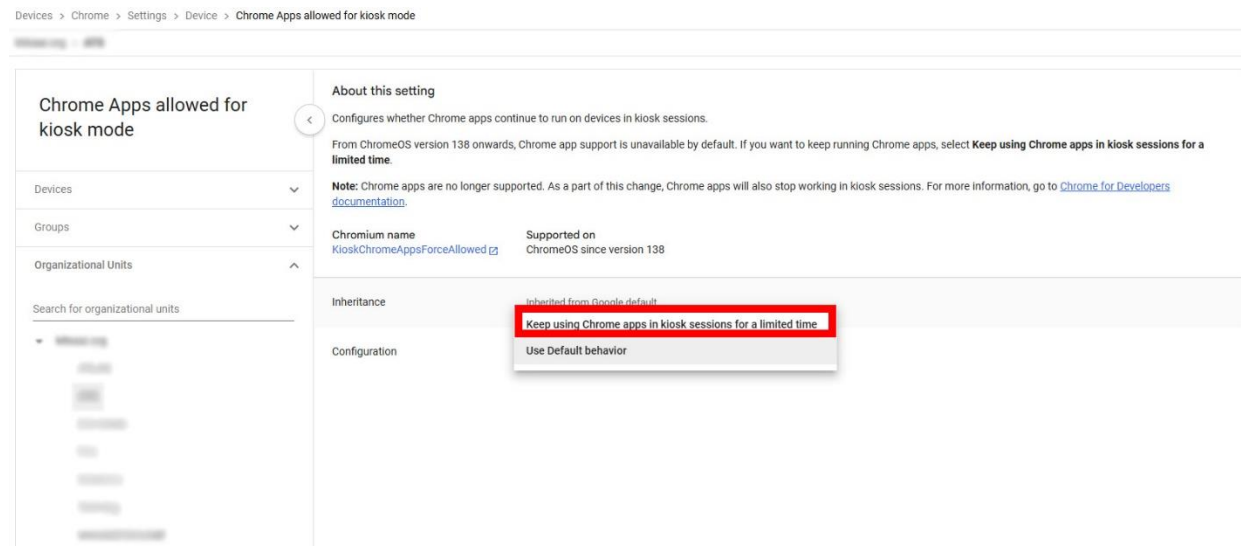
Please review the Google documentation here for more information.

Windows 11 Changes

Why Kite Student Portal Requires Location Access on Windows 11?

To ensure reliable operation of the Kite Student Portal application in Windows 11, global location access must be enabled at the operating system level. This is due to how Windows handles system-level geolocation APIs and their interaction with security-restricted or sandboxed environments like Kite Student Portal.

We understand that privacy is important, and we want to be transparent about why this setting is needed. The Kite team is committed to protecting user privacy across every environment where our application is deployed, which is why we're proactively sharing this information with you.

Important Privacy Notes:

> Kite Student Portal does not access, collect, or use physical location data.

> Enables location services allow Windows operate properly; it does not grant our app access to your location data.

> This setting supports essential OS functionality required for secure and stable application initialization.

Additional Context from Microsoft:

> You can manage location services access globally or on a per-app basis.

> Some Windows features depend on location services being enabled, even when no app is actively using your location (e.g., time zone settings or secure service initialization).
> Even when location services are allowed, Microsoft provides built-in privacy protections.

For further details, please visit:

[Windows Location Service and Privacy](#)

To enable Location services, perform the following steps.

> 1. Go to Settings.

> 2. Select Privacy and Security.

> 3. Toggle on Let apps access your location.