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STUDENT COMPUTER REQUIREMENT

In 1984, Drew made headlines for being the first liberal arts college to issue their students a computer. In 2012, the University switched to a model of still requiring incoming students to have a computer but allowing them to choose what equipment they bring, as long as it meets certain requirements, which are listed here.

As the world faces a chip shortage this year, we are seeing effects on shipments of computers - desktops and laptops. As the world slowly moves back to offices and classrooms, we have also seen an increased demand for laptops here in the Forest. University Technology has a limited supply of loaners, and these are limited to a two-week loan period. You can read more about the loaner policy on our website.

The University Library will again have computers available for use during the Fall semester. Please remember to log out of your various accounts (including Google) if you use a public computer.

REMINDERS FOR THOSE RETURNING TO A FOREST OFFICE

❑ Can you Zoom from your office?
  ❑ Pop in to the Virtual Helpdesk to make sure you can see, be seen, hear and be heard
  ❑ Email helpdesk@drew.edu if you know you will need a camera
  ❑ Bring headphones if you work in a busy office or are not sure about speakers
❑ Does your office phone reflect your current work location?
  ❑ Adjust any forwarding by updating and choosing the right availability state
  ❑ Update greeting(s) and away messages
  ❑ Delete voicemails

GOOGLE DRIVE SHARE LINK UPDATES

Google will roll out an update beginning September 13, 2021 to make sharing links more secure, by adding a resource key. Affected files include non-Google files (PDF, Word docs, etc) stored in My Drive or Shared Drives prior to November 2017.
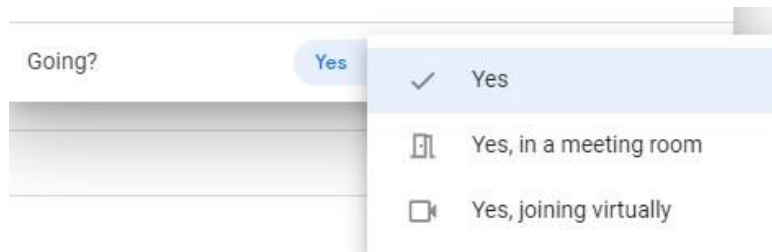
If you own or manage any files affected by this change, Google will notify you by email beginning July 26, 2021. The email will provide instructions on steps to take and will include a link to view a list of impacted files you own or manage in Google Drive.

Beginning September 13, the change to the links may result in access requests from individuals who have not viewed the files previously but are trying to access them using a link, such as one saved to a webpage. If you are able to replace old share links with the new links after you are notified, you can reduce the number of individuals who will need to request access.

If we learn any more about this change after it starts rolling out, we will post updates to this page: Google Drive Security Update
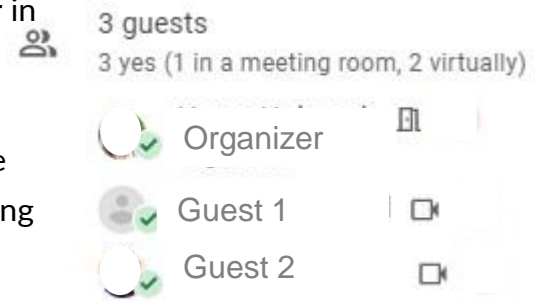
GOOGLE CALENDAR OPTION: ATTENDING VIRTUALLY OR IN A MEETING ROOM

Google recently started rolling out an option in Google Calendar on the web for people to say they will be joining a meeting virtually or attending in a meeting room.

You will not find this option on your mobile device or in the email invitation (yet?), but if you open your calendar in its own tab or in the side panel in Gmail and look at an event, you will see a dropdown next to "Yes" that pulls up the options above.

Please note that you will also have to check any events you are organizing in the web view in order to see if people are attending virtually or in person.

HELPFUL LINKS AND NUMBERS

For easy reference, here are some links and phone numbers you may want handy:

973-408-4357 UT Helpdesk	973-408-3001 Classroom Tech Help
To log or view a tech support request: help.drew.edu	Virtual Helpdesk on Zoom (M-TH 9-5, F 9-12:30)
WFH Tech FAQ	bitly.com/DrewRemote