

## Check Out a Virtual Computer from Chippewa Valley Schools

Students and staff can now “borrow” a virtual computer from Chippewa Valley Schools and use it at home or on campus using Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI). Teachers, try this at home for a superior remote access experience. Try it at school to test and demonstrate student computer capabilities.

The virtual school computer will be the same Windows 7 computer used by students at school with Microsoft Office 2013 and access to home directories. A Windows computer isn't even needed! Spin up the virtual Windows computer on any of the following Internet-connected devices:

- Windows computers
- Macintosh computers
- iOS devices such as iPads and iPhones
- Linux computers
- Android tablets and smartphones
- Kindle Fire devices
- Windows 8.1 RT devices such as Surface – **new!**

*Currently, CVS VDI is not supported on Chromebook.*

After some quick setup, your home computer, phone, or tablet connects to Chippewa Valley's VDI and creates a school computer right before your eyes.

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## Get Started!

1. Visit <https://mydesktop.cvs.k12.mi.us/>.
2. Choose Install VMWare horizon View Client (HTML access can be used in a pinch, but in general you will get better results using the client)
3. Click the link on that page and install the **VMware Horizon View Client** for your specific device (all district laptops are 32-bit Windows machines).  
Note – on a district laptop the installation of the client will work better when you are on the CVS network.
3. Launch **VMware Horizon View Client** on your device.
4. When prompted for a server enter **mydesktop.cvs.k12.mi.us**.
5. When prompted to login, use your usual school username and password. The domain is **Chippewa**.
6. Teachers & staff only: You will be asked to select your building – look for the Building Selection Dialogue box at the bottom of the page.
7. Be sure to save your work to H: and logout when done.

When you are back at school your work will be waiting for you in My Documents.

*Please note that some specialized programs such as CAD, Adobe Creative Suite and other specialty licensed software are not available on the virtual desktops.*

### Later...

Just launch VMware Horizon View and login!

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**Now**, all students and staff need is Internet access and one of the many supported devices to...

- ✓ Get on the school network.
- ✓ Get access to their home directory.
- ✓ Do schoolwork using Microsoft Office Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and more.

No flash drives needed, no need to lug documents back and forth!

Using VDI, CVS students without an expensive computer at home can still use a virtual Windows computer on almost any Internet-enabled device. And now, our friends at Clinton Macomb Public Library have installed **VMware Horizon View Client** on library computers as a service to CVS students. **Thank you, CMPL!**