



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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1. For all teachers who use multimedia content in their teaching: Have you heard of the Creator Studio Chrome Extension? [Free here](#) in the Google Workspace Marketplace, Creator Studio allows the user to convert Google Slides to GIF images and MP4 video files. You can add background music and voice narration to your exported presentations. You can export Google Slides as PNG image sequences, download Speakers Notes from slides. Creator Studio adds new export capabilities to your Google Slides, and you'll be able to download your Google Slide decks as animated GIFs, image sequences, and HD video (with audio).

2. For all teachers who engage students with music in the preK-5 classroom: Have you heard of Go Noodle? [GoNoodle](#) helps teachers and parents get kids moving with short, musically-engaging interactive activities. Desk-side movement helps kids achieve more by keeping them engaged and motivated throughout the day. The video content in **GoNoodle** is designed to encourage and inspire that movement. All content added must adhere to strict community standards of school-appropriate content. GoNoodle's App is [free in the App Store here](#).



3. For all teachers or administrators: Have you heard of [MotionPortrait](#)? MotionPortrait is a photo altering tool that can transform any portrait photo into a moving 3D avatar that repeats your every word. 1. Take a portrait photo or pick one from your photo library, and the face will automatically start moving in 3D. 2. Talk to it and it will repeat your every word. 3. Record your moving 3D avatar as a movie. 4. Try fun hairstyles, glasses, masks, and beards, and apply them to your animated 3D avatar. 5. Share your 3D movie with students/friends via email, Facebook, and Twitter. (MotionPortrait app does not collect any personal data.) MotionPortrait is also [free in the App Store here](#). Thanks goes to my wife, Missie, who uses MotionPortrait with her art classes.



4. For all Staff: More from the IDOE's Cybersecurity for Education Toolkit: Use Antivirus Software: (EACS uses Sophos) Malware, or "malicious software," is an umbrella term that describes any malicious program or code that is harmful to systems. It includes computer viruses, ransomware, adware, spyware, scareware, worms and more. The damages made by malware vary from making your device more difficult to use by slowing down its functions, to more serious consequences, like controlling your device or stealing your data.



Fun Technology Fact: Dutch designer Daan Roosegaarde has created an ultraviolet light installation to help plants grow more quickly and more sustainably. Ultraviolet blue and red lights seem to make rows upon rows of plants swish and sway. The colorful lights shine vertically over 20,000 square meters of farmland in the Netherlands. The crops in question look absolutely normal during the day, but at night they turn into a live piece of multicolored artwork, and specific light recipes can enhance growth and reduce pesticide use up to 50%. [Read more of the article here.](#)

