## **Google Drive for iOS**

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## **Introduction to the Apps**

Why do I need four What features can you Check out the Details: Add to My Drive separate apps? find behind the "three Share New Document hot dogs"? Move to ... Why would I want to add Star ■ New Spreadsheet My Drive multiple accounts? Rename Get link New Presentation My Drive Couldn't I just use Incoming Microsoft Office now that  $\equiv$ New Folder Recent it's on the iPad? Starred Tile View vs. On device I'm a huge Mac fan! Why List View not just use Pages, Use Camera Keynote, and Numbers?

The App	What the app is great for!	Some limitations (at this time)	Notes
Google Drive	<ul> <li>Managing files and folders</li> <li>Uploading photos</li> <li>Uploading videos</li> <li>Searching for files</li> <li>Some sharing options</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>"Share Link" feature works better when you go into the specific app</li> <li>No edit access to Google Drawings (at this time)</li> </ul>	
Google Docs	<ul> <li>Real-time editing and collaboration</li> <li>Offline editing (if you set to "Keep on device")</li> <li>Students can access writing from anywhere</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Font selection is more limited</li> <li>Chat feature doesn't work during collaboration</li> <li>Can't add hyperlinks or images (at this time)</li> </ul>	
Google Sheets	<ul> <li>Creating new spreadsheets and adding data to existing spreadsheets</li> <li>Formatting text and fill color</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Real time collaboration lags a little bit (in my tests)</li> <li>No assistance constructing formulas (at this time)</li> </ul>	
Google Slides	<ul> <li>Slideshow playback is great!</li> <li>Text editing access is a recent new feature (Google's constantly adding features)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>An annotation feature         would be nice for a future         release</li> <li>Can't add hyperlinks or         images (at this time)</li> </ul>	

**The bottom line**: Google Drive (all versions) doesn't have *every* feature of Microsoft Office, and Google Drive for iOS doesn't have all the features of the desktop version. However, the power of sharing, collaboration, anywhere access, and universality within our Google Apps for Education ecosystem makes Google Drive the best way to share and collaborate with students and colleagues.