

Lesson 1: Organizing Images Using Google Photos

The Photography Lessons for Remote Learning will focus on developing your skills in photo editing using an online photo editing tool called **Pixlr** that is very similar to Adobe Photoshop. The skills you learn doing these lessons will translate over to that program very smoothly, should you ever want to use it.

Before you begin learning to use Pixlr, you should have an organization system in place for your images.

Note that different computers behave slightly differently; some steps might be slightly different on your computer than mine.



Photos

This lesson will teach you to utilize one method of organization that works for all of the systems because it is online: Google Photos.

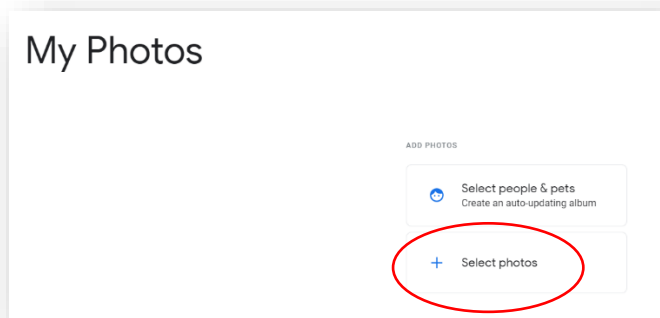
1. Make sure you are signed into your school Google Account (#####@myksd.org)
2. Open Google Photos using the Waffle (9 Squares in the top right)



3. You will need to make an ALBUM by choosing the Create button
4. Give the album a name: and choose Select Photos

+ Create

⬆ Upload



Select from computer

Done

5. Click and navigate to the location where your photos are stored – on your computer, a jumpdrive/USB drive, or even your phone if you've connected it to your computer.
*You can also download the Google Photos app to a smartphone – just make sure you login using your school account.
** For future assignments, depending on your computer, you will need to save images from the **Learn at Home** page *before* uploading into Google Photos by right clicking and choosing SAVE AS. It will probably download into your DOWNLOADS folder unless you

tell it to save it somewhere else. On Chromebooks, you will also need to click “Show in Folder” for it to appear in the DOWNLOADS folder.

Practice:

Add a few photos that you already have on your computer or another device into your Google Photos.

EXTENSION: Google Photos also has a basic editing function, try it out.

1. Double click the image you want to edit (it will get larger).
2. In the upper right hand corner, you'll see three lines. 
3. Click on them and a box will appear on the right. Click that same symbol again, and options will open that allow you to edit different aspects of light and color using the arrows (drop-down menus). You can also adjust the “Pop” or contrast of the image using a third slider.
4. This symbol  allows you to crop (or zoom in) on specific parts of your image.
5. Google Photos will automatically save the changes you make to your image – overwriting your original. Use the 3 dots to choose “Save a Copy” to keep a copy and “Undo Edits”.