

Online learning provision

Online learning and Virtual Classrooms

How are you as a school set up for remote and online learning?

Google Classroom

Google Classroom enables teachers to create an online classroom area in which they can manage all the documents that their students need. Documents are stored on Google Drive and can be edited in Drive's apps, such as Google Docs, Sheets, and so on. But what separates Google Classroom from the regular Google Drive experience is the teacher/student interface, which Google designed for the way teachers and students think and work.

How to get started with Google Classroom

Like other Google applications, you need a Google account to use it. But not just any Google account will do for Classroom; you need a Google Apps for Education account. This is different than your standard Google account. Follow the steps below to set one up

1. Open a Web browser and go to classroom.google.com You have to sign in with a Google account.
2. If you're using a regular Google account, you'll see a message that says "Sorry! Classroom is only available for Google Apps for Education Users at this time." Click the Get Started with Apps button.
3. On the Google Apps for Education page, you can read all about the service, or just click the Get Apps Today button in the top right.
4. Fill out the form with your institutional information and click Next.
5. Most likely, your school has a Web site and you'll want to use that. Click the Use a Domain Name < your school website> I Have Already Purchased option and type in the domain (see Figure 1).
6. Click Next.
7. Type in the username and password that you want to use

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What?

Google Classroom is a free application that helps teachers and students to communicate and can be used to organize and manage assignments, to go paperless, for collaboration between students and between teachers, and so on!

Do's

After you've set up your classroom, you can get started. Here's a list of the things you can do with it: add announcements and lesson materials, add assignments, grade an assignment and manage students.

Don'ts

Google Classroom is an online learning platform, but it isn't a chat box, a test or quiz tool or a discussion forum. There are plenty of other tools available for this.

Set-up

Follow these steps to set up your Google Classroom teacher account:

1. Sign up at classroom.google.com
2. Create your first class
3. Invite students to your class.

Apps

Note that there are so much more apps you can use with Google Classroom. I just picked out my favorites: BookWidgets, EDPuzzle, Buncee, Nearpod, Curiosity, Newsela and Quizlet.

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iTunes U

iTunes U provides everything an instructor needs to bring the classroom together on iPad — build lessons with apps and your own materials, collect and grade assignments, start class discussions, or talk to students to answer questions and provide feedback.

iTunes U also allows anyone with an iPhone, iPad or iPod touch to learn from a large collection of free education content in public courses from leading schools, universities, museums and cultural institutions.

For Instructors:

- Plan lessons, grade assignments and stay connected — direct from your iPad
- Add your own teaching materials — including worksheets, links, photos and videos from a variety of document providers
- Engage every learner using apps, books, videos, podcasts and more
- Add instructions or comments to PDFs and photos with built-in annotation tools
- See when students have viewed or completed assignments and remind them of due assignments
- Use the single-student view for individual attention at parents' evenings
- Answer questions and provide video feedback or start class debates using group discussions
- Institutions using Apple School Manager and Managed Apple IDs can import registers to streamline course creation
- Teachers affiliated with qualified institutions can publish courses to the iTunes U catalogue for anyone to view for free on iOS devices

For Students:

- View assignments and updates in one place, and tick off assignments you complete
- Submit your work in private courses from other apps, or as annotated PDFs and photos
- Open audio or video files directly in other apps
- Ask instructors questions or get feedback in 1:1 messages
- Start or join group discussions with your class
- View your grades and instructor feedback on all past assignments

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Requirements:

- Participating in courses requires iPhone, iPad or iPod touch
- Built-in PDF or photo annotation requires iPad (4th generation or later) or iPad mini 2 or later
- Publishing public courses to iTunes U requires teachers to be affiliated with a qualified institution



Make your approach inclusive:

- 1) If you are giving guidance make sure that you give a range of ideas for additional learning.