

# Google Classroom

The logo for Google Classroom, featuring the word "Google" in its signature multi-colored font and "Classroom" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

**Essential Question: How do benefits of convenience outweigh the risk of student privacy**

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# Description of Google Classroom

**Google Classroom** is an online platform designed to enhance the learning experience and simplify the distribution of lessons, assignments and grading in a paperless way.

Some Key features include:

- ❖ Virtual Classrooms created by teacher.
- ❖ Facilitation of communication between teachers, students and parents.
- ❖ Use of other google platforms (Doc, Slides, spreadsheets, etc.)
- ❖ Assignment submission and grading.
- ❖ Mobile / remote learning accessibility.

# Relevance

- Uniform across most schools and districts, easy to learn and implement with technology already available, use of schoolytics
- Accessibility (covid, chromebook aspect, reading mode and read along)
- Customizable without distraction
- Streamlined within email, docs, slides... even quizlet and khan academy

SD61 website - “Google Classroom helps teachers create, assign, and collect student work electronically. With Google Classroom, teachers can seamlessly integrate Google Docs, Google Drive, and Gmail to create assignments, provide feedback, and communicate with their students individually and via whole class announcements”

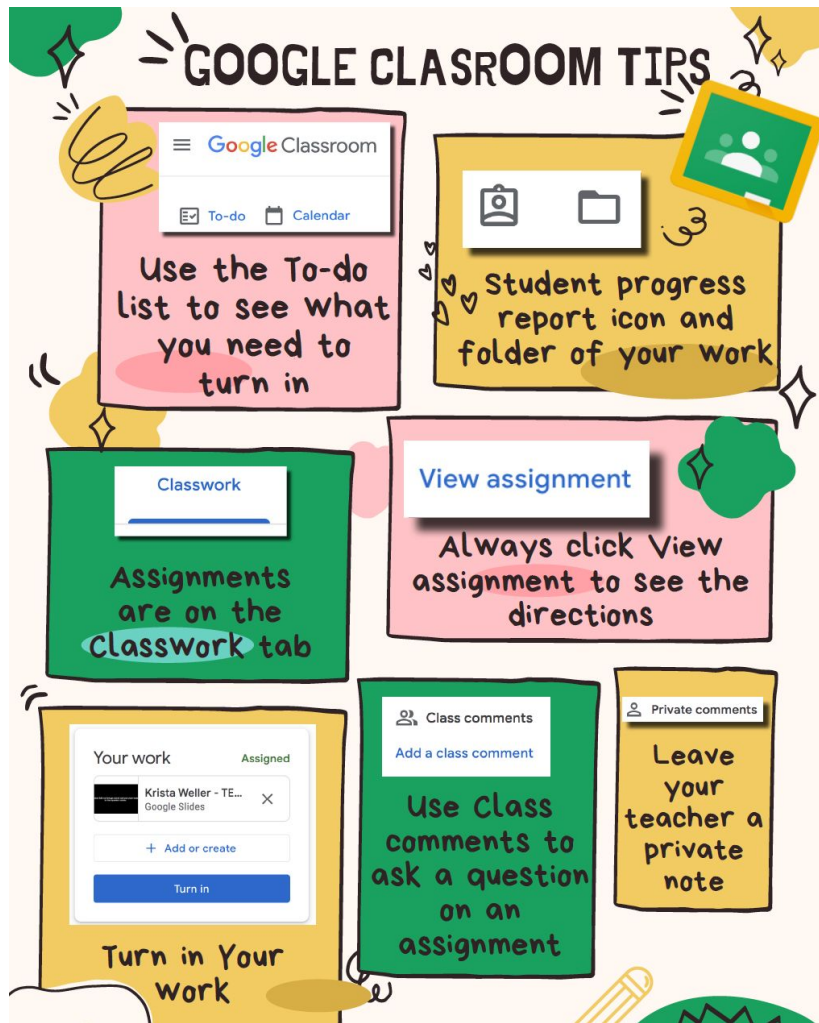


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# Audience / Target Demographic

- Google Classroom is by design a tool for teachers and students.
- Teachers:
  - Teachers are able to upload all materials, worksheets, and information to Google classroom which enables students to always have access to it, and to catch up if they miss in person school days.
  - Teachers are able to provide feedback and grades to students through Google Classroom
- Students:
  - Intended for students 13 and over
  - Students have an easy, organized virtual space to access all the information they need
  - Students can receive feedback, and notifications from teachers

# Benefits of Google Classroom

- Centralized Platform
- Collaboration and communication
- Timely feedback
- Parental engagement
- Accessibility
- Integration with Google Docs, slides etc
- Reduces administrative work for teachers allowing for more interaction with students and course content
- Provides structure and schedule to the course as a whole
- Remote Access
- Paperless



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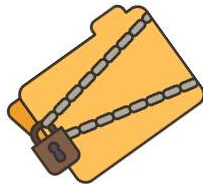


Cloud

Consent

Contracts

Complicity



# Recommendations

- There should be other options available to students / teachers
- Is it really *informed* consent? May not be enough
- Exit question: Are you going to use Google Classroom in your class?



# Resources

Lynch , Matthew. (2021, December 11). *10 benefits of Google Classroom Integration*. The Tech Edvocate.  
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