

What is Google Classroom?

Google Classroom allows for a platform for teachers and students to interact via posting assignments, engaging in academic dialogue, and providing feedback to one another. When students log on, they see upcoming homework assignments, teacher announcements, student questions, and other important class information. Students can submit their work directly through Google Classroom, and teachers can provide feedback, assign grades, and return the work. All your child's work stays organized and conveniently stored on Google Drive. Assignments are even automatically added to the Google Calendar based on their due dates. Essentially, the Google Classroom is where all your child's schoolwork is created, exchanged, and stored.

How Does My Kid Access Their Classroom?

The teacher will set up the classroom and provide a join code that is unique to your child. Teachers can also invite students by email. Once access has been granted, your child can get into their classroom anytime by going to classroom.google.com.

For older students who have different teachers for different subjects, multiple classrooms will appear. From their dashboard, they can choose the class they want to view. Once they enter a classroom, students find three tabs at the top of the page.

- The **Stream tab** can be compared to an interactive workbook. It's an outline of the course and an announcement page with a full overview of homework, assignments, and any other posts the teacher adds.
- The **Classwork tab** stores all your child's assignments. Here, they'll see each assignment that's been added by their teacher. When they click on a task, they'll get the due date, details, resources needed, and status of the assignment. Students also can turn in their work here once it's completed. They can add files or create slideshows and images to be submitted.
- The **People tab** shows all the teachers and students in the classroom. It's also a place where students can communicate directly with one another or their teacher.

How Do I Stay on Top of My Kid's Learning Progress With Google Classroom?

Parents have the unique option of being added as a student guardian. Be sure to ask your child's teacher to grant you access. You'll receive an email that requires you to accept the invitation. Once approved, you can choose between daily or weekly guardian summaries. Based on your preference, you'll get an email that details missing work, upcoming assignments, and classroom activity.

Get Classroom email summaries (for guardians)

As a guardian, you can get email summaries about your student's activity in Classroom. Email summaries do not include grades. For grades, ask your student or contact the teacher.

In email summaries, you can review:

- Missing work—Work not turned in when the summary was sent.
- Upcoming work—Work that's due today and tomorrow (for daily emails) or that's due in the upcoming week (for weekly emails).
- Class activities—Announcements, assignments, and questions recently posted by teachers.

If there's no activity to report or if a teacher turns off email notifications, you might not get an email summary.

Before you begin

You can get email summaries sent to any email address. However, to view or update email summary settings, you need a Google Account. With a Google Account, you can change the frequency of your emails, update your time zone, see the students connected to your account, and unsubscribe from email summaries.

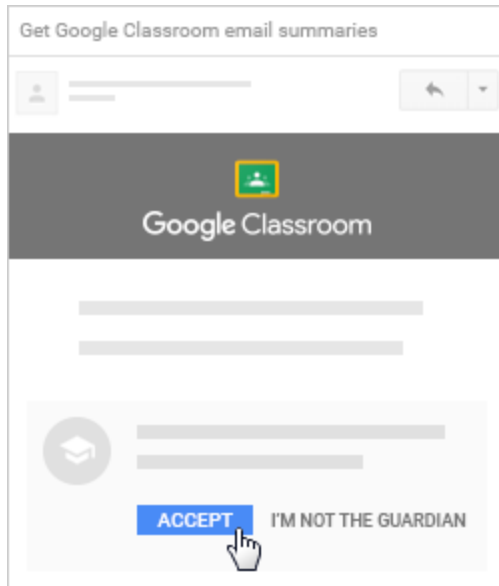
If you unsubscribe from email summaries, you're still connected to a student as long as you have a Google Account. Otherwise, unsubscribing removes you as a guardian.

You can only get summaries if your student is using Classroom with a G Suite account, which looks like *student_name@school.edu*. If you're not sure, ask the teacher or school administrator.

Get email summaries

To get email summaries of your student's work, you must accept an email invitation from a teacher or administrator. You have 120 days to accept an invitation before it expires. You can unsubscribe from summaries or remove yourself as a guardian at any time.

1. The teacher or administrator emails you an invitation to join your student's class.
2. In your email program, open your email invitation.
3. Click Accept.
If you're not the guardian, click I'm Not The Guardian.



4. Click Accept to confirm.

When you accept an invitation, you and your student get an email confirmation.

Google Meet

Class video meetings—For distance learning, teachers can start and students can join video meetings in Classroom with Google Meet.

Only teachers can create video meetings in Classroom. All video meetings created in Classroom are considered nicknamed meetings, so students can't start a meeting before the teacher, or rejoin the meeting if the teacher is the last participant to leave. These permissions can vary based on how your admin sets up Meet for your school.

To use Meet in Classroom:

- Teachers and students must use school accounts and be in the same domain.
- Admins have to turn on Google Meet.
Admins can find more support in [Set up Meet for distance learning](#).