

What is Google Classroom?

Google Classroom is a class-organization platform that incorporates Google's core G Suite (Google Docs, Sheets, Slides, Drive, and other Google products) so students can access everything they need for a class, including assignments, projects, and files.

Can my child use a mobile device or tablet to access Google classroom?

Absolutely. Like all the other Google apps available, your student can access the full functionality of Google Classroom from virtually any device.

How tech savvy do I need to be to help my kid with Google Classroom?

If your kids are younger, it's probably a good idea to have some familiarity with Google's G Suite so you can help your kid upload documents, check the calendar, and do other tasks. It also helps to know how the programs work so you can at least describe the problem to a teacher if anything goes wrong. Older kids may not need any help. Google Classroom is designed to be easy to use, and there's lots of online help.

How do we get started?

The process for setting up your child's account is pretty simple. BCCS sets up the classrooms and invites all students to the right classes. All they have to do is accept the invite. Your child can get into their classroom anytime by going to classroom.google.com. Students may have multiple classrooms for different classes. From their dashboard, they can choose the class they want to view. Once they enter a classroom, students find four tabs at the top of the page.

- The **Stream tab** can be compared to an interactive workbook. It's an announcement page with an overview of 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.
- The **Grades tab** shows all graded for the submitted assignments.

Can I communicate with my child's teacher through Google Classroom?

Your child's teacher will send you an invitation, and after accepting, you will receive summaries directly from them, which may include information on upcoming or missing work and announcements.

Can I check my child's grades on Google Classroom?

Yes, going to the grades tab will show all graded assignments.

What are the safest settings to enable on my kid's Google Account?

If your kid uses a personal Gmail account for Classroom, you can adjust their privacy settings on their Google Account page. (If they have a school account, consult the administrator for help on what settings you can control.) Keep in mind that in order to use Google Classroom, your kid must share certain information, such as their name and photo. Take a look at these settings:

How does my child find out about new assignments posted in Google Classroom?

In Stream on the left hand side all upcoming assignments will be listed for students to easily access. Clicking on the name of the assignment here will bring them directly to the assignment.