

Video Tools and Tips

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Video Conferencing:

Note: Best practice is to keep meeting links in a secure place, such as a closed Google Classroom, its learning course or a Google Doc that is not "anyone with the link."

➤ [Google Meet](#) -(instructional slideshow)

- Teachers establish the session from their teacher account and share the Meet with students in their LMS or Learning Hub. **Do not invite them via calendar** because students can get in the session before teachers.
- [Tips for use with students](#)
- Create an event with video conferencing on Google Calendar for future events (it will popup on your screen when you visit meet.google.com. Or, jump right to the site to get started immediately. [Video Tutorial](#)
- **Teachers must remove the students before ending the session**
- **New teacher controls** - students cannot mute or remove others (only the teacher can)

➤ [Zoom](#) -

- [Watch a getting started video](#)
- [Activate the "join from browser" setting](#) so students on Chromebooks do not need a plugin

Show a "Join from your browser" link

Allow participants to bypass the Zoom application download process, and join a meeting directly from their browser. This is a workaround for participants who are unable to download, install, or run applications. Note that the meeting experience from the browser is limited



➤ **Zoom Security Tips and Settings:**

[Zoom Settings Checklist](#)

- Do not make meetings or classrooms public. In Zoom, there are two options to **make a meeting private: require a meeting password or use the waiting room feature** and control the admittance of guests.
- Do not share a link to a teleconference or classroom on an unrestricted publicly available social media post. Provide the link directly to specific people.
- Manage screen sharing options. In Zoom, change screen sharing to "Host Only."

Recording Content

➤ **Screencastify** -

- This tool is great for creating a video that shows both your screen and a thumbnail of you. Upgrade your account to unlimited so you can post your videos directly to Youtube, which has a faster rendering time than Google Drive right now. [Tutorial](#)

Premium discount code = CAST_COVID

**Make sure that your Youtube channel is marked as content for kids. See Youtube instructions below for details

➤ **Quicktime** -

- You can record yourself or your screen, save the file to your desktop, and then upload to Youtube for faster processing than uploading to Google Drive. [Recording instructions](#)

Posting/Sharing

➤ Youtube -

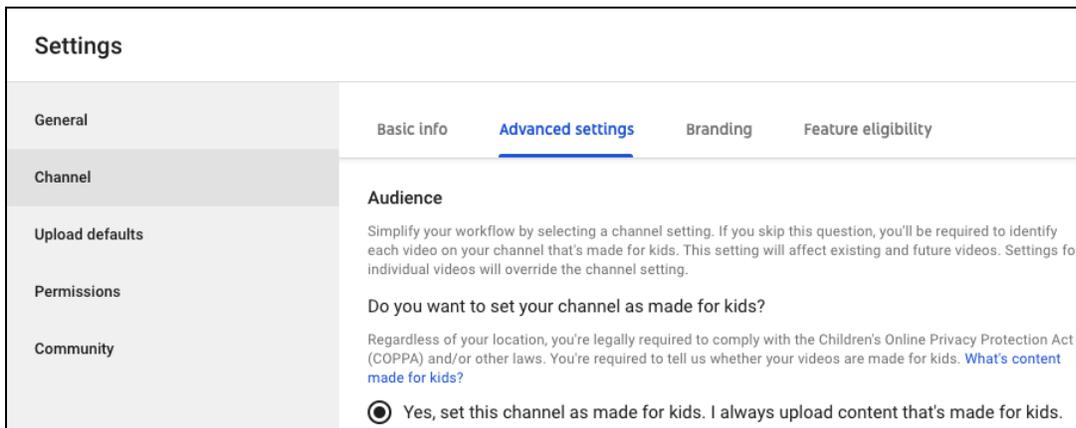
- This is the fastest way to process your videos for sharing with students via almost any platform. The link can be posted to Google Classroom, its learning, sent via email or even embedded in a Google Site or Slides.

➤ How do I share YouTube links safely?

- There are a couple of ways to do this. Quietube and Safe YouTube are similar and easy to use options. Here are two quick video "how-tos" - [Safe YouTube](#) and [QuietTube. \(tutorial\)](#) or [Watchkin](#)

Establish a channel using your google account (don't change the name of the channel - use the default). Go to [YouTube Studio](#) to upload files directly to your channel.

****Important Settings:** Set your channel as one made for kids. From your channel dashboard, click the Settings option on the left side toward the bottom. Then, click on Channel and the Advanced settings tab (shown below). Click YES to set your channel as made for kids. This will help to not have your material blocked by Youtube Safe Search mode that is forced on the Chromebooks.



| Settings | |
|-----------------|--|
| General | Basic info Advanced settings Branding Feature eligibility |
| Channel | Audience Simplify your workflow by selecting a channel setting. If you skip this question, you'll be required to identify each video on your channel that's made for kids. This setting will affect existing and future videos. Settings for individual videos will override the channel setting. |
| Upload defaults | |
| Permissions | |
| Community | |
| | Do you want to set your channel as made for kids? Regardless of your location, you're legally required to comply with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) and/or other laws. You're required to tell us whether your videos are made for kids. What's content made for kids? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, set this channel as made for kids. I always upload content that's made for kids. |

Every one of your uploaded videos must be set to be made for kids so make sure previously uploaded videos are also designated.

Note: if a student reports that a random video that you've posted is blocked, this is why.

➤ Google Drive -

- Usually Google Drive is a great way to share videos but the service seems to be overloaded at this time as the time to render or process videos is very long. Youtube may be the best bet right now.

➤ Mobile uploads

- If you or your students have a video on your phone the best way to share it is via the Google Drive app on a phone or tablet-- even though the rendering time is not quick. [Here are instructions for how to upload](#)

➤ **Are you worried about story recordings & Copyright laws?**

- Right now reading books and then publishing your recordings online is ok to do under "**FAIR USE**" as long as your videos are **NOT PUBLIC**.
- Uploading videos to Google Drive and posting on your website
- Uploading videos to Youtube (keeping them unlisted or private)
- Sharing videos in Google Classroom
- Sharing videos in Google Slideshow