



DRAFT: Distance Learning JumpStart Guide Using G-Suite

Most schools in Vermont use G-Suite and Chromebooks this jumpstart guide serves to help educators who already use these tools, are somewhat familiar with these tools, or want to learn how to use the G-Suite tools to help them transition to Distance Learning.

Setting Up Your Virtual Classroom

Google Classroom - For distance learning, you need a place to keep all your assignments and track student learning, the one place students know they need to go to get links to other resources, assignments, etc. Google Classroom does that for you.

Check out these resources to get you started with Google Classroom:

- [Getting Started with Google Classroom](#)
- [Google Classroom First Day Training](#)
- [Get your Classroom Organized](#)
- [Differentiate with Classroom](#)

If you have been using Google Classroom for awhile but want an update on the latest features such as gradebook, rubrics, originality reports, etc, check out [What's New in Google Classroom](#)

Communication Tools

Google Meets - You might also need a way to connect with your classes for:

- Conducting Synchronous Classes remotely
- Holding Office Hours
- Conducting One-on-One meetings and instruction
- Conducting small group interventions.

Google recently [announced](#) that it will be offering to all G-Suite customers Google access to Hangouts Meets advanced features until July 1, 2020. These features include:

- [Larger meetings, for up to 250 participants per call](#)
- [Live streaming, for up to 100,000 viewers within your domain](#)
- [The ability to record meetings and save them to Google Drive](#) (And then share it with your students to play it back at anytime)



- **Google Docs**
 - [Getting Started with Google Docs](#)
 - [Google Docs First Day Training](#)
- **Google Slides**
 - [Getting Started with Google Slides](#)
 - [Google Slides First Day Training](#)



Build Interactive and Engaging Lessons

Google also has a variety of tools and resources available to teachers to make their lessons interactive and engaging

- [Google Slides](#)
- [Google Expeditions](#)
- [Virtual Field Trips with Google Maps](#)
- [Teach Beyond the Four Walls of the Classroom](#)
- [Other Programs from Google](#)
- [Apps that work with Google Classroom](#)

Keeping Organized

There are several tools to help you and your students [keep organized](#) online. Check out the tools below to help be more organized and efficient.

- **Google Drive**
 - [Getting Started with Google Drive](#)
- **Google Calendar**
 - [Get Started with Google Calendar](#)
- **Google Keep**
 - [Google Keep in the Classroom](#)
- **Gmail**
 - [Get Started with Gmail](#)

More Resources from Google

- [Enable Distance Learning with G-Suite and Chrome](#) Webinar
- [One Sheet Tips for Enabling Distance Learning through G Suite & Chrome](#) PDF
- [Tips for Enabling Distance Learning with G-Suite and Chrome](#) Digital Resources
- [With school closures, teachers can keep their lessons going remotely](#) Blog
- [Explore distance learning resources for schools affected by COVID-19](#) Digital Resources
- [GFE YouTube Channel](#) - Videos

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