# **Google Calendar Training**



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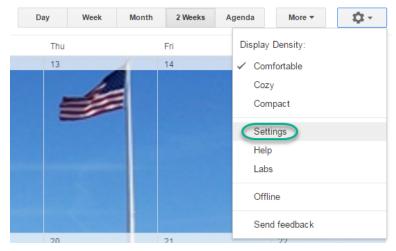
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## **Accessing Google Calendars**

You can access your Google Calendars by signing into Chrome and going to calendar.google.com.

## **Global Calendar Settings**

There are two types settings that govern how your calendars will function; *global* settings, which will apply to all of your calendars, and *local* settings, which will apply to specific calendars as you adjust those settings. To access the global settings for your Google Calendars, click on the settings cog in the upper right and select Settings.



Once you are on the Settings page, you should notice that there are four (4) tabs at the top; General, Calendars, Mobile Setup, and Labs.

#### General

Under the General tab you can adjust the following settings; Language, Country, Time zone, Date format, Time format, Notifications, Events from Gmail, Default event duration, Week start, Working hours, Event dimming, Show weekends, Default view, custom view, Location, Weather units, Events you have declined, Event invitations, Alternate calendar, Calendar background image (Labs), and Keyboard shortcuts.

#### **Calendars**

Under the Calendars tab you can decide which calendars you want to see in your list, edit your notifications for specific calendars, edit your sharing settings, and unsubscribe from calendars.

## **Mobile Setup**

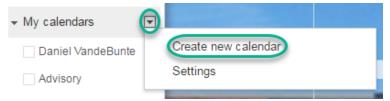
Under the Mobile Setup tab you can set up your mobile device to receieve SMS notifications and learn how to sync your Google Calendars to your mobile device.

### Labs

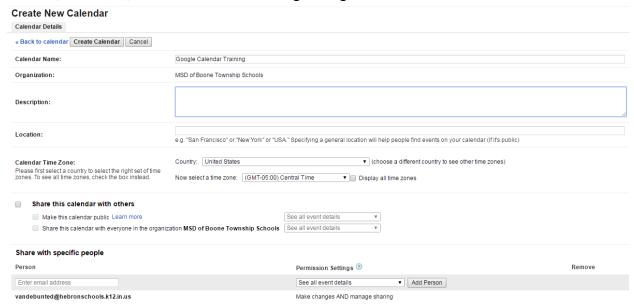
Under the Labs tab you will find a handful of experimental features that can improve your Google Calendar experience. Since these features are experimental, they may disappear or stop working at any time.

## **Creating Google Calendars**

To create a new Google Calendar click on the down arrow next to where it says "My calendars" on the left side of the page and select Create new calendar.



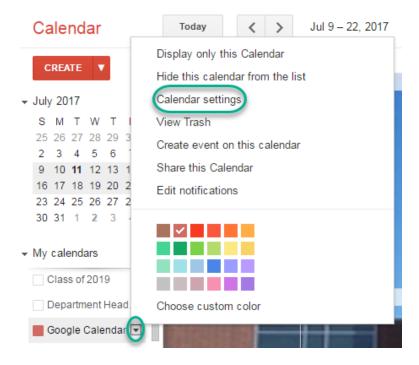
Once the new calendar details page opens you can give your calendar a name, a description, location, time zone, and determine the sharing settings.



Note that you must select "Share this calendar with others" before you can share it with anyone.

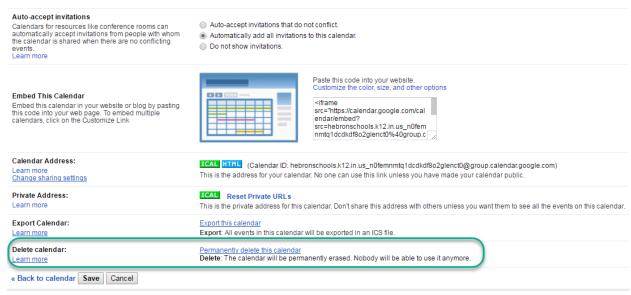
## **Google Calendar Settings**

To access the settings for a particular calendar, click on the downward arrow next to the calendar name in your calendar list on the left.



### **Calendar Details**

When the calendar settings open, you will see the Calendar details page from when you created the calendar with the sharing options removed (they will now be under Share this Calendar) and some new settings added in. These new settings will allow you to control whether invitations will be auto-accepted, provide the calendar embed link, and give you the option to delete the calendar.



### **Share this Calendar**

Under the Share this calendar tab you can adjust the sharing settings for your calendar. These are typically set when you first create the calendar, but if you want to go back and change these settings later this is where you would go to do so.

### **Edit Notifications**

Under the Edit notifications tab you can control how and when you receive notifications about events on your calendar. You can set a default notification for all events on the calendar. This is handy if you are busy and rely on notifications or reminders to alert you to upcoming meetings. You can set up email and/or SMS notifications whenever you are invited to an event on the calendar, when an event is changed or cancelled, or when someone responds to an event invitation. You can also set up a daily email that contains your agenda for the day.

### **Trash**

When you delete an event from a calendar is does not disappear forever. Each calendar has its own trash bin and you can go to its trash bin to either permanently remove an event or restore it if you decided you need it back on your calendar.

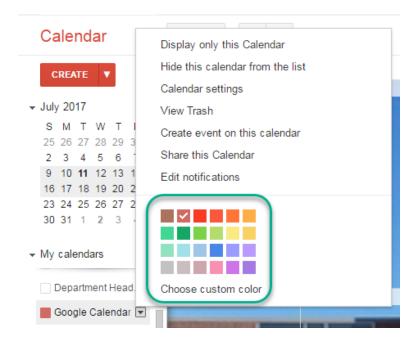
### **Deleting a Calendar**

To delete a calendar, go to the calendar settings and under the calendar details tab the option to delete is the very last option.



## **Color Coding Google Calendars**

To color code your calendars, click the downward arrow next to the calendar's name on the left. You can select one of the 24 colors displayed or click on Choose custom color to be more selective. If your calendar view will be displaying multiple calendars, you should consider color coding them to make them easy to distinguish from one another.



## **Adding Events to Google Calendars**

There are a few ways to add events to your calendar. For example, if you click the red Create button in the upper left corner a new event will open scheduled for the first day on your current view. In other words, if you are in month view and you click on create, it will be scheduled on the first day of that month. If you are on week view, it will be scheduled for the first day of that week. You can also quick add events by clicking on the downward arrow next to the word Create. When you use this you have to enter specific information so the event gets scheduled correctlt. Neither of these two methods are likely what you will use on a daily basis.

## Single click

If your current view contains the day on which you would like to add a new event, single click on the day and you can add an event with a short title, a time, and the specific calendar on which to appear.

#### Double click

By double clicking on the day of the event, the event page opens and you can add much more detail to your event.

#### **Basic Information**

At the top of the event page you can give your event a title, a duration, and set up repetition of the event.

### **Event Details**

Under the Event details tab you can add a location, video call, select the calendar, add a description, add multiple attachments, select an event color (if you are using color coded calendars, choose the matching color), set up notifications, determine your visibility, and add guests to the event.

When you add guests to the event you decide whether they will be able to edit the event, invite others, and see the guest list.

### Find a Time

Under the Find a time tab Google can use your calendar and the calendars of your guests to determine a time that fits for everyone.

## **Sharing Calendars**

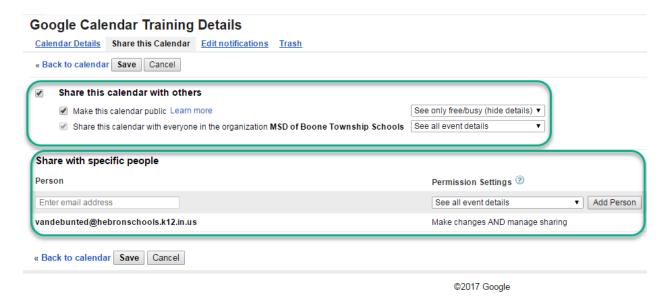
There are a few things you need to consider before sharing a calendar; 1) is the information available in the calendar suitable for public viewing?, 2) how do you adjust the settings so that sharing is possible?, and 3) how can you actually share the calendar?

## **Privacy**

Keep in mind what information you will be putting on the web. You probably don't want to share every detail about your life. Calendar that contain personal events should be separate from calendars that contain professional events.

## Set Up Calendar Sharing

New calendars created on the hebronschools.k12.in.us are not shared by default. In order to share a calendar you must change this setting yourself. If you click on the downward arrow next to the calendar name, select Calendar settings, and click on the Share this Calendar tab you can access the sharing settings for a particular calendar.



You can make a calendar public or share it only with people in our domain. Or you can share it only with specific people. In either case you can control what permissions people have for calendars you have shared with them.

### **Sharing a Calendar**

There are several ways to share a calendar. If you share it only with specific people they will get notified that you are sharing a calendar with them but they must still accept the invitation.

If you go to the calendar's settings page you can get the embed code, provide people with the public URL for the calendar, or you can export the calendar as a .ics file (probably not what you want). You can also embed a Google Calendar into a Google Site. When you embed a Google Calendar into a Google Site users can subscribe directly from the Site. Just look for + *Google Calendar* button in the lower right corner of the calendar.

