



MECC Comets Connect

K-2 Classroom/Gifted/Reading/Specials

** Preschool/ESL/Special Ed will follow their department plan

It can be hard to gauge how students are doing without seeing them in person, so it's important to have opportunities for them to connect with their teachers.

Comets Connect is a specific time that students are offered a check-in to ask their teachers questions, gain clarity on assignments and learning, and continue to build personal relationships with their teachers. There should not be a penalty for students who may not be able to connect during this time, as they can still connect in other ways. There will be two types of connections - optional, regularly scheduled connections and as needed connections scheduled between you and the students and families you serve. These meetings should be recorded - you should not post these, but rather keep them to refer back to.

Regularly Scheduled Comets Connect

All teachers will offer **TWO** one hour Comet Connect Times that are consistent each week. This should be an open, synchronous meeting (Google Meet) that students and families can jump into for academic support if they so choose. We ask that you offer one AM and one PM meeting time on different days. These sessions should be the same - so plan one - offer twice.

****Special Area Teachers** should collaborate with their grade level team to ensure times are not overlapping.

Teachers should post their **Comets Connect Schedule** on this [Landing Page](#) (type in your times - i.e M 10-11/TH 3-4) We want to ensure families clearly know how they will be able to reach out for teacher academic support. You should have your Comet Connect times and Google Meet links posted in your daily email.

As Needed Comets Connect

In order to successfully achieve learning, you will be connecting with and supporting families, individual students, and groups of students in other ways as needed- both synchronous and asynchronous. You can design this as you would in your own classroom. The table below will give you some examples, benefits, and things to consider as you design Comet Connections for your students.

Google Meet (synchronous)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scheduled face time allows you to provide direct instruction and feedback to small groups or individuals.• This allows for a face-to-face connection.
FlipGrid (asynchronous)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FlipGrid allows students to share their learning via video• The teacher and peers can respond and/or give feedback by video or with a written reply
Padlet (asynchronous)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Padlet allows students to share their learning via video• The teacher and peers can respond and/or give feedback by video or with a written reply
Seesaw (asynchronous)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seesaw allows students to share their learning via video• The teacher and/or peers can respond and/or give feedback by video or with a written reply
Google Classroom (asynchronous)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create a discussion board• Give feedback on assignments

** Note - if you are using another platform that you've utilized all year to achieve these same ends - you are free to continue using that as well. :)