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## Neuqua Valley Back-to-School EdTech Updates

All past and current year Neuqua Instructional Technology tutorials and resources will be posted on the [Neuqua Staff Tech Page](#).

-  **Neuqua Instructional Technology Resources** (Supported Resources and Tutorials)

**If you have questions, please contact Julie Many or Steve Wick.**

### New to Start 2025

- ☐ **Adobe Express Classroom - Flip Alternative?**
  - ☐ [Create classrooms - Adobe Express](#)
- ☐ **Swank Video Streaming**
  - ☐ Swank should be available in the SSO for staff sometime after August 12th.
  - ☐ Teachers are required to ensure the media is appropriate for their class/students and aligned to their course outcomes. R/PG13 - HS/MS requires parent permission.
  - ☐ [Swank Instructional Videos](#)
- ☐ **Gemini and Gemini in Google Classroom**
  - ☐ Students and staff will have access to the Gemini Web App
    - ☐ [Gemini Apps Help](#)
    - ☐ [Google AI Training](#)
  - ☐ Staff will also have access to Google AI Tools for educators in Google Classroom.
    - ☐ [Learn about Gemini in Google Classroom](#)
- ☐ **Pear Learning Updates**
  - ☐  **Pear Assessment Sync With Google**
  - ☐ [A Smarter Path to Supporting Teachers: Pear Start and Instant Lesson Packages - Blog](#)
  - ☐ [Pear Assessment Updates](#)
  - ☐ [Pear Deck Updates](#)
  - ☐ [Pear Start](#) (AI Assistant) - This is expected to roll out to all staff sometime in the 1st semester.
- ☐ **NewsELA**
  - ☐ [LUNA: AI-Powered assistant](#)
  - ☐  **NewsELA Educator Success Guide.pdf**
- ☐ **Notebook LM (AI Research Assistant)**
  - ☐ Open for All Staff (Student access TBD)
  - ☐ In the future, teachers will be able to customize NotebookLM for students in Google Classroom.
  - ☐ [NotebookLM Help](#)

- ❑ **New SSO Interface for Staff and Students**
  - ❑ Live for all staff on August 1st.
  - ❑ [Go! View Support Article](#)
- ❑ **Email Filter Changes to “Abnormal”**
  - ❑ [spam2@ipsd.org](mailto:spam2@ipsd.org) is still live
  - ❑ No longer quarantine login on SSO. Staff will need to use a support ticket.
  - ❑ [Help Article](#)
- ❑ **Web Filter Changes to “Securely”**
  - ❑ Securely will include some new features for classrooms and parents. We expect to share additional details later in the first semester.

## 2025 – 2026 Essential EdTech Resources

### • Synergy and TeacherVUE

- IPSD Synergy resources and tutorials: [TeacherVUE Tech](#)
- [Gradebook Codes: Expectations in Synergy](#)

### • Google Classroom

- [Learn about Gemini in Google Classroom](#)
- [Google Classroom Engagement & Analytics](#)
- TeacherVUE to Google Classroom Sync opens on August 11th.
- The recommendation is for teachers to create Google Classroom Classes in Google Classroom before syncing to TeacherVUE. When the district activates TeacherVUE sync, Google Classroom codes can be added directly to the Grade Book Settings in TeacherVUE.
  - [Google Classroom Summer Setup Tutorial – Neuqua](#)
  - [Google CLASSROOM – Best Practice](#)
  - [Organizing Google Classroom to Support All Students](#)
- [Google Classroom \(Sample\)](#) – A sample Google Classroom to help model organization and sharing in Google Classroom. Join the class to explore from a student’s perspective.  
(Class code: nvwkvsb)
- [Learn about Gemini in Google Classroom](#)

### • Pear Learning

- [Help Center | Pear Deck Learning](#)
- [Pear – Neuqua Staff](#)
- [Create an instant Pear Deck with AI](#)
- [Content Orchard](#)
- [Getting Started with Flashcard Factory](#)

### • Additional AI in Education

- [AI Overview and Resources](#)
- [Khanmingo](#) (Teachers)
- [Adobe Firefly](#) | (Students & Teachers)

- **EdTech for Students**

- If you find a new digital resource that requires students to sign in, don't forget to check if it is approved for use using "LearnPlatform" on the SSO.

## More Supported EdTech

- [Gimkit Live Pro](#) remains available to all Neuqua teachers who request access. Gimkit is a game-based formative assessment tool. Access should roll over from the last year in August. If you didn't have an account in 2024-25, please email Julie Many or Steve Wick to get set up.
- Newsela - [Newsela's 2025 Back-to-School](#)
- **Adobe Express and Adobe AI** continue to evolve. The platform supports graphics, videos, web pages, and more. Discover more in the [Adobe Education Exchange](#). Sign in to Adobe through the SSO to access your district educator account.
- **Canva and Canva Magic Studio AI** are free design resources for educators and students. Learn more about [Canva for Education](#). Sign in to Canva through the SSO to access your district educator account.
- [Knowt](#) is a free online vocabulary resource for teachers and students. Learn more about Knowt [here](#).
- [IDEAcon 2026](#) will be held February 9 - 11. If you are interested in attending, please let Julie or Steve know.

