

Google Classroom, Schoology, & Seesaw: A Comparison of Digital Tools

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	Google Classroom	Schoology	Seesaw
Overview	<p>Google Classroom is a tool that supports students and teachers in organizing assignments, boosting collaboration and increasing communication. Classroom integrates seamlessly with other G Suite for Education Apps: Drive, Docs, Forms, Sheets, and Slides etc. Teachers can easily create classrooms, craft and schedule assignments, attach assessments, and differentiate assignments by student(s).</p>	<p>Schoology is a district-purchased Learning Management System (LMS) designed for all students and all content areas. The platform can be used for course creation, discussion, assessment and more. It integrates well with a variety of other tools, including Google Drive. There is a free version and paid version.</p>	<p>Seesaw is a platform for student engagement. Teachers can empower students to create, reflect, share, and collaborate. Students “show what they know” using photos, videos, drawings, text, PDFs, and links. It’s simple to get student work in one place and share with families, and nothing is shared without teacher approval.</p>
Platforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available on the web for Chromebooks, laptops, and desktops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom.Google.com iOS app Android app <p>Google Classroom Resource: Get the Classroom App</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available on the web for Chromebooks, laptops, and desktops iOS app Android app Kiosk mode available on Chromebooks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available on the web for Chromebooks, laptops and desktops iOS app Android app not available in Jeffco <p>Downloading iPad App and Logging In</p>
Adding Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A generated class code can be provided to students once to add them to your class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Display the class code in full screen Invite students to join a class-find by student ID number or name Supports up to 1,000 learners in a classroom <p>Google Classroom Resource: Invite Students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary: A home room course is pre-rostered by Jeffco based on Campus rosters Secondary: Pre-rostered courses based on Campus are created for each section by Jeffco Additional courses can be created by teachers and students may join via a course code or be added by the teacher <p>Schoology Resource:Joining courses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> K-5 students are pre-rostered by Jeffco based on Campus rosters. Students sign in using Google <p>Create additional Seesaw classes in Campus.</p>
Organization	<p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topics organize course materials (week, content, or unit of study). Topics can be moved or rearranged. <p>Assignments & Courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to add files, Google files, videos, links.. Draft assignments and save or schedule a release date Can reuse course materials or copy to multiple sections Differentiate posts to the whole class or select specific students Organize your teacher dashboard and 	<p>Course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Folder structure to organize course materials (week, content, or unit of study, etc.) Schoology materials to add to folders include Pages, Discussions, Assignments, Assessments Ability to add links, documents, videos, media albums as part of course development Ability to embed digital tools right inside Schoology Can reuse course materials or copy to multiple sections 	<p>Journal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student activities are housed in their individual journals. Journals show in a vertical feed. Stay at a high level to see all students activities in chronological order. Drill into an individual student’s journal to see all of their work. <p>Activity Library</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers can assign activities from the Activity Library. Like activities can be organized into Categories within the ‘My Library’ tab

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	<p>display classes in the order you'd like</p> <p>Drive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Folder automatically created in Google Drive for each class for the teacher to automatically organize student work (no need to move files into folders) This is not a shared folder with students. It is teacher view only. 	<p>Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared resources in common Resource file Collaborative discussions in common Discussion area Data gathering through Polls Group messages (text or audio) provided through Updates or messaging features Common albums to share images 	<p>within the Activity Library.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share activities with other teachers <p>How do I use the Activity Library?</p> <p>Class Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize student work by subject or learning objective in folders. Folders are visible to teachers, families and students. Folders can be managed and created in the Class Settings menu. Teachers have the ability to name and color folders. Archive activities that are no longer needed <p>How do I use Folders? Add Skill or Folder to an Activity</p>
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announcements can be sent to multiple classes Differentiate announcements (post to the whole class or choose select students) Attach files, Google files, YouTube videos, URL links Save as draft or schedule a post time Class comments can be controlled through settings <p>Google Classroom Resource: Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates can be sent to multiple groups Attach files, links, resources, audio/video recordings In a course, updates can be the default landing location for students to keep them up-to-date In a course, you can pin an update to the top as an announcement so it doesn't get lost in the updates feed <p>Schoology Resource: Updates</p>	<p>Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reach all families or students in a class Can add attachments Will be translated to the language of the family member's device <p>Private Messaging</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Message families privately Will be translated to the language of the family member's device <p>How Does Messaging Work?</p>
Class Polls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a class poll utilizing the Question tool: Multiple Choice See a summary of student results View individual student results Differentiate questions (post to the whole class or choose select students) Save as draft or schedule a post time <p>Google Classroom Resource: Questions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a quick poll through Group Updates Results are displayed after a student responds to the poll Receive anonymous group results (not individual responses) <p>Schoology Resource: Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polling is not directly supported in Seesaw
Class Discussions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion threads are created utilizing the Question tool: Short Answer Enable grading or not Individual or Group assign for differentiation Requires students to respond before reviewing other's posts Attach files, Google files, YouTube videos, URL links 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available within a Group or Course Enable grading or not Individual or Group assign for differentiation Optional setting to require students to respond before reviewing other's posts Lock a discussion (viewable only) Can moderate a discussion so that the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions are not directly supported in Seesaw Students can comment on each other's work, if commenting is enabled

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Save as draft or schedule a post time Track student completion Allow students to edit their response <p>Google Classroom Resource: Questions</p>	<p>teacher accepts all posts before they are viewable by class</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embed a video, image, Google App Link files Allow students to edit their response Align learning objectives to track mastery Format posts using rich text editor Highlight specific user posts for easy grading <p>Schoology Resource: Discussion Threads</p>	
Assignments	<p>Grading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enable grading (point based scale) <p>Features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set due dates and times Save as draft or schedule a post time Attach files, Google files, YouTube videos, URL links Post to multiple classes Track student completion View all assignments by student Differentiate assignments (post to the whole class or choose select students) Initiate originality reports for 3 assignments to check for plagiarism Adjust the settings of your shared files in 3 ways: <p>Students can view file—Students can read the file, but not change it. Students can edit file—Students can make changes to the file. Make a copy for each student—Students receive an individual copy of the file that they can change.</p> <p>Google Classroom Resource: Assignments</p>	<p>Grading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple grading scales & weighted categories <p>Features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set due dates Add rubrics Align learning objectives to track mastery Individual/Group assignments Rich Text Editing Link/Embed videos and images Instructor recorded messages (audio/video) Student audio response available Connect Google Drive App for student work submission Use Google Drive Assignment Tool to automatically share an assignment with students (they each get their own copy) and organize it into a folder in your google drive <p>Schoology Resource: Assignments</p>	<p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easily create and share activities for your students to complete in Seesaw Teachers can add activities by tapping the green + button or through the activity library. Students can add content without an activity through tapping the green + button. Add voice instructions Add multimedia instructions or examples (photo, drawing, video, upload, note or link) Create a template for student responses Students may resubmit assignments to improve their work Google Drive integration <p>How do I use Activities?</p> <p>Activity Library</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers can assign activities from the Activity Library. Like activities can be organized into Categories within the 'My Library' tab within the Activity Library. <p>How do I use the Activity Library?</p>
Quizzes/Tests/ Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple Choice Questions- quick polls Short Answer Questions Assign a Google Form <p>Google Forms Locked Mode Create quizzes in locked mode—You can use a locked mode to keep students focused when taking Google Forms quizzes on managed Chromebooks. We'll add the ability to create Google Forms quizzes from Classroom, streamlining the assignment process and</p>	<p>Features</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 question types in assessment (quiz/test will be turned off in the near future) 13 question types are auto-graded Can include video, images, audio in question types Can allow partial credit for some question types Can make some question types subjective Can link questions to learning objectives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quizzes/Tests/Assessments are not directly supported in Seesaw. This tool could be used in a variety of ways to collect formative assessment data on students.

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	<p>saving time.</p> <p>Google Classroom Resource: Google Forms</p>	<p>to track mastery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can view quiz results by student or by question • Feedback provided for correct/incorrect responses <p>Options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option to have question/quiz timed • 13 question types are auto-graded • Multiple attempts option • Randomize order of question option • View submission option (with or without correct response) • Question review prior to submission option • <p>Schoology Resource: Assessment</p>	
YouTube videos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attach videos by URL • Opens in window without redirecting to YouTube • Restrictions based on district filtering <p>Google Classroom Resource: Add Materials to an Assignment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be embedded • Can be linked • Can search directly from Schoology <p>Schoology Resource: Course Materials Schoology Resource: Accessing the Embed Code from YouTube</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct YouTube integration is not supported. • May provide a link to a video in Drive or in YouTube • Record a video within Seesaw
Calendar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automatically created for each class • Automatically adds assignment/question due dates to shared calendar • Appears in student & teacher Google Calendars • Can be embedded on Google Site for community communication <p>Google Classroom Resource: Calendars</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher can add events for a course or group • Students see reminders of upcoming events • Can be color-coded • Can embed a Google calendar in Schoology <p>Schoology Resource: Add events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use calendar view to look at a specific day's work in one glance <p>Time Saving Tips & Calendar View</p>
Co-Teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite up to 20 instructors to a class • Primary teacher can delete a class • All co-teachers receive email notifications if turned on • After an additional teacher joins the class, the primary teacher's class and assignment folders are shared in Drive • Primary teacher can transfer ownership of the class to a co-teacher within the classroom <p>Google Classroom Resource: Teachers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No limit to number of admin. Can have as many as needed • Provide Schoology Access Code to anyone to join course or add them in Members • Admin. of a course can assign Admin. rights to any member of course. • Can receive notifications of new posts • Ability to control edit or view for course admins (coming Fall 2018) <p>Schoology Resource: How do I add admin. or teachers to a course?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All teachers have all the same permissions. • Co-teachers can approve delete or edit posts, invite and approve family members, edit the class list, etc. <p>How do I Add a Co-Teacher to My Class</p>
Parent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guardian Emails generated by Google 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent accounts automatically created 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families can be invited to create a family

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<p>Communication</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom can be opted-in by guardians Daily or weekly email digests Missing & Upcoming work Grades are not communicated <p>Google Classroom Resource Guardian Summaries</p>	<p>from Jeffco Connect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can view child's courses, groups, upcoming items Can view child's activity within the course Can view child's grades in course Can send/receive private messages to admin. Can receive email digests of your child's activity <p>Schoology Resource: Parent Guide Schoology Resource: Email settings</p>	<p>account</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families only see their own child's work Can directly message teachers and co-teachers Families can like and comment on their student's work. <p>Seesaw for Parents</p>
<p>Feedback/ Communication with students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write notes on student work (iPad app only) Add private comments on assignments Add class comments on assignments You can edit or comment in any document in Drive. Your edits or comments are automatically saved and ready for the student to review when they open the document. Email students Provide feedback via built-in rubrics <p>Google Classroom Resource: View Assignments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can make private comments on all discussions/ assessments/assignments, whether in a Google App or directly in Schoology Comments populate the student gradebook Can provide public or private comments on discussion posts Teacher can receive notification when there is activity in courses they administer Students will receive notifications when someone has replied to a comment in a discussion, when a grade has been posted, on assignments, tests/quizzes <p>Schoology Resource: Menu Notifications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers can like and comment on student work. These comments are visible to other students. Students can like and comment on each other's work. These comments are visible to other students. families can like and comment on their student's work. Families cannot see the work of other students. <p>Family Interaction on Seesaw</p>
<p>Gradebook</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gradebook now available Create a record keeping tool within Sheets Gradebook does not automatically transfer to Campus Export data to CSV file or Google Sheets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Populated from assignments, discussions, quizzes and assessments Can set grading periods Can view by category Can filter gradebook Can export as a csv file Can create new assignment right from gradebook Bulk edit to set due dates for course Gradebook does not automatically transfer to Campus <p>Schoology Resource: Using your Gradebook</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seesaw does not have a formal gradebook With Seesaw premium accounts, teachers can track skills or standards on which students are working. Families and students will not see skills view or which skills students have been tagged in. <p>How do I use Skills in Seesaw?</p>
<p>Grading</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use decimal grades to award partial points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Default 100 point scale Assignments can be identified as ungraded Return work to students with entire class comments Add private comments to student work Grades do not sync automatically with Campus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can use Schoology Rubrics Test/Quiz questions are auto-graded and populate the Schoology gradebook for easy transfer to Campus Gradebooks do not automatically transfer to Campus Add private comments to student/work Can be numeric, scale or rubric-based 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seesaw does not have a grading features for individual assignments Teachers can use private notes to record notes, records or grades that are not visible to families or students. Teachers can tag assignments by skills and record progress towards skills

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	<p>Google Classroom Resource: Grade and Return</p> <p>Rubrics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create, share, and reuse rubrics for individual assignments. • Provide feedback with scored or unscoped rubrics. • Students see their rubric score when assignments are returned. <p>Create or Use Rubrics</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can grade by total points or percent • Students may resubmit work • Can create and use grading groups to differentiate • Can set to “Incomplete”, “Missing” or “Excused” 	<p>How do I use Skills in Seesaw?.</p>
<p>Additional Features:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share to Classroom web browser • Share to Classroom extension 	<p>Analytics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total # page views in a course • Individual user data (total time, # posts, last logged-in, last course accessed) • Assignment data (# of views per assignment in course) • Discussion (# of posts per discussion) • Links (# of clicks on the links) <p>Digital Portfolios</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create multiple portfolios • Can add various components/embeddables to a portfolio (web links, assignments, G. Apps, images) • Can share portfolios with others <p>Mastery Reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can align Schoology tasks to learning objectives which can be tracked throughout the year • Can set achievement levels • Can view students’ achievement by learning objective <p>Schoology App</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can grade in app • Annotation tools • Add notes • Can export submissions <p>Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polls • Discussions • Resource collection area • Updates • Albums 	<p>Sample Student</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • View what the class and assignments look like from a student perspective <p>Translation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers and families can automatically translate content into over 55 languages. <p>App Smash</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seesaw is compatible with any app or website that supports exporting as a photo, video, PDF or link. <p>Blogging</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give students an authentic audience by creating a public or private blog. Last names are always hidden. Teachers moderate students’ posts before they go live on the blog. <p>Printables</p>