Technology Overview

As an ACRES coach, there are a few technology platforms you'll use consistently. You are encouraged to play around with the tools ahead of time to become comfortable with them. Have fun with them, and rest assured you won't break the internet! Practice won't make perfect, but it will make it better. Remember that ACRES office hours are available every Friday for you to bring your questions and connect with other coaches.

Zoom:
ACRES coaches use Zoom as the live video conferencing tool.

Benefits of Zoom:

- Many afterschool professionals are comfortable with Zoom
- Easier login for participants (no need for a Google account)
- Polling options

If you need support using Zoom, check out this Zoom Overview video.

Google Docs
ACRES module documents are created in Google Docs, a free word processor.

Benefits of Google Docs:

- They are accessible across devices
- You can make a copy for yourself and then add in your notes as needed

Check out this Google Docs beginner's video if you need support using Google Docs.

Google Slides
Some digital card sorts in ACRES modules use Google Slides, which can be used as a free, interactive collaborative space.

Benefits of Google Slides

- Participants can interact with each other on the slide in real time.
- Card sorts are easily manipulated and pages can be duplicated for the number of participants in the cohort.

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