# Badging Program Outline
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The Badging Program will be a new professional learning opportunity for teachers to learn more about technology tools. The goal is for them to learn more of what interests them and put those tools in their "Tech Toolbox". This will be a voluntary program.

I. Time-frame
   A. Annually. We will run this badging program from August-May every school year. It will start over annually.
II. Challenge Types
   A. Annual
      1. Teachers will have all year to complete these specific challenges. Challenges may include Google Educator Level 1, Google Educator Level 2, Google Certified Trainer, etc.
      2. These challenges will take days to complete.
   B. Monthly
      1. Each month teachers will have a new challenge that they have all month to complete. Challenges may include Flipgrid Certified Educator, Pear Deck Inspearational Educator, or other programs that we use at the district.
      2. These challenges will take a few hours to a full day to complete.
   C. Semi-Monthly
      1. A Tech Tuesday Newsletter is sent out semi-monthly to all staff. There will be a challenge announced in those newsletters for teachers in the Badging Program. They will have until the next Tech Tuesday Newsletter comes out to complete it.
      2. These challenges will take 10-20 minutes to complete.
III. Badging Program Platform will be on Google Classroom
   A. There will be a separate Google Classroom for each campus so that they are collaborating with teachers in their grade and subject areas. This means we will have a Google Classroom for teachers for grades PK-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12.
   B. Every challenge will be in the Google Classroom. Teachers will join the Google Classroom if they wish to participate. They will not have to participate in each challenge. With this platform, teachers can view all challenges and resources, even if they did not participate in that particular challenge.
   C. This platform will also allow for collaboration amongst peers. I will post discussion questions throughout the year to spark collaborative discussions.
IV. Rewards
   A. Each Badge/Challenge type will have their own points associated. Teachers will be able to spend their points to earn things such as jeans day, wireless mouse, webcam, etc.