

## Details

*Surprising Classroom Ways to Use Google Forms - 253*

*In this episode, I'm excited to share a dozen innovative educator-friendly ways to use Google Forms. You'll also hear practical tips on leveraging this versatile tool for student engagement, classroom management, and time-saving administrative tasks, unlocking the full potential of Google Forms in education.*

## Link to live show notes:

<https://classtechtips.com/2024/02/06/ways-to-use-google-forms-253/>

\* *Ways to Use Google Form*

## Introduction

Hello there, my name is Monica Burns and welcome to today's episode of the Easy EdTech Podcast!

It's 2024 and whether you're joining for the 1st time, 100th, time or for the 200th time, I am so glad you're here! I have lots of exciting things in store for you this year.

Each episode of the Easy EdTech Podcast is designed to give you ideas you can try yourself, share with a colleague, or bookmark for later in the school year.

Get ready for stories from my time in the classroom, the work I do now with schools and districts, and my travels to different EdTech events. As well as practical ideas and inspiring stories from new guests each month.

If we mention something you'd like to check out, you'll find the link to it in the shownotes.

So don't forget to head to my website [classtechtips.com/podcast](https://classtechtips.com/podcast) for all of the show notes and resources from today's episode.

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## Today's Intro

This week's episode is titled: "Surprising Classroom Ways to Use Google Forms."

Google Forms is a versatile tool, far beyond its basic survey functions. If you've poked around my blog Class Tech Tips before or listened to any other episodes of my Easy EdTech Podcast, you know how much I love them! You might have even used a Google Form I've shared to request resources from a workshop I've led or to be the first to know about a handful of new resources.

While you might be familiar with ways to use Google Forms for quizzes and feedback forms, the potential of Google Forms is massive. There are multiple applications that can revolutionize the way you share classroom resources and tackle administrative tasks.

In this new episode, we'll explore a handful of unexpected ways to use Google Forms. These can save you time, enhance learning, and streamline processes, making your educational endeavors more efficient and engaging.

## **Episode Transcript**

### Student Interest Survey

At the beginning of the year, use a form to learn about students' interests, strengths, and learning preferences. This information can guide your teaching strategies and classroom activities.

### Do Now and Check-In

Start each day with a check-in form where students can share their feelings or concerns, helping you gauge the classroom mood. You might combine this with a "do now" activity to keep track of attendance.

### Create a Checklist

I love sharing ways to use favorite tools in unexpected ways, and one of my favorite tips is to create a checklist with Google Forms. If you've joined me for a webinar or workshop on formative assessment strategies, you might remember that I often share this tip. I have a blog post titled "[How to Create a Digital Checklist with Google Forms](#)" that goes deeper into this strategy, so you can try making checklists with Google Forms, too.

## Generate Forms Using AI

You can use generative AI to help you save oodles of time this school year. In addition to ChatGPT (find the link to [download my list of ChatGPT prompts](#) in the shownotes), you can use [educational AI tools like Diffit](#) to create content to share with students. One of their export options is Google Forms, so you can make activities for students that they can respond to right from within this tool.

## Virtual Suggestion Box

Encourage students to share their ideas, such as a suggestion for a class read-aloud, through a Google Form. This can lead to valuable insights and foster a more inclusive classroom atmosphere.

## Link to QR Codes

You can link any Google Form you create to a QR code so someone can scan it and open up the form on their mobile device. You can find a link in today's shownotes to my blog post that takes you through the process so you can follow the steps and [make your own QR codes](#) linked to a Google Form.

## Classroom Inventory Tracker

Use a form to keep track of classroom supplies. Students and teachers can note when items are taken or need replenishing. Alternatively, you can create a form someone can fill out when a particular item is running low.

## Use Audio Responses

If you've checked out [my artificial intelligence resources](#) on the blog this year, you've probably seen Conker on a list of tools to explore. The same company is behind Mote, a Chrome extension you can install so your users can provide audio responses to a Google Form. Check out my post "[How to Support Learner Variability with Voice Technology](#)" that takes you through what's possible with Mote.

## Collect Payments

Do you have to keep track of payments for field trips, after-school events, or other moments during the school year? I featured Payable on my blog last year, and this tool lets you [connect Google Forms to a payment platform](#).

### Classroom Job Applications

Create a form to introduce to students as a fun way for them to apply for classroom responsibilities. This teaches them about job applications and responsibilities in a practical, engaging manner.

### Field Trip Planning

Simplify the organization of field trips by using forms to collect volunteer requests, meal choices or gathering information you'll need for a particular trip. This can make the planning process more streamlined.

Ready to try out one of these unexpected ways to use Google Forms? By thinking outside the box, you can harness the flexibility of Google Forms to strengthen classroom management, boost student engagement, and save time on administrative tasks this school year.

The ideas shared in this episode are just the beginning. As you experiment with these applications, you'll likely discover even more ways to integrate Google Forms into your work. If you have something to add to this list, I'd love to hear about it! Reach out on social media (you can find me @ClassTechTips on all socials) or reply to one of [my free Monday newsletters](#) (I read every response).

### **So let's make this EdTech easy with some key points from the episode...**

Use Forms creatively—surveys, checklists, and AI integration.

Link Forms to QR codes, use audio responses, and integrate payment platforms.

Try Forms to help plan events like field trips.

Remember, you can find the shownotes and the full list of resources from this episode on [classtechtips.com/podcast](https://classtechtips.com/podcast) and finding today's episode #253!

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## Outro

This March we’ll celebrate 5 years of the Easy EdTech Podcast. To help celebrate, I’m hoping you can do us a favor. Leave a rating or review for the podcast wherever you’re listening today – Spotify will let you tap on the stars, and Apple Podcasts will let you tap on the stars and leave a one or two sentence review. A big thank you in advance for helping us get ready to celebrate this March!

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- [Diffit](#) (AI curated teaching resources)
- [Conker](#) (Quiz generator)
- [Mote](#) (Voice note & feedback tool)
- [How to Link Google Forms to QR Codes](#) (Podcast episode)
- [4 Types of AI Tools Every Teacher Should Know About](#) (Podcast Episode)
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