



Teaching with Technology Webinar Series

Virtual professional development is a GREAT way to help your teachers grow professionally in a flexible and cost-effective format.

Support your teachers by providing them with ongoing, highly targeted professional development which qualify for continuing education credits.

A district webinar subscription will provide all of your teachers with access to a Wednesday webinar (29 unique sessions) for the entire 2024-25 school year.



Convenient professional development

John's Wednesday webinars are 45-60 minute sessions focused on easy ways to use technology in the classroom. Session topics are carefully selected to discuss all subject areas and grade levels. A sample recording is [available here](#).



Classroom templates & resources

Teachers will receive a detailed written summary for each session which provides links to classroom templates and additional resources. A sample digital learning guide is [available here](#).



Continuing Education Credit

Teachers can earn 1 hour of continuing education credit for each session. Certificates of participation are provided and verified by John Sowash. Additional participation data can be provided to district administrators upon request.

Audience:

These webinar sessions are ideal for any K-12 teacher using Google Workspace for Education.

Participant requirements:

- Google Workspace account
- Laptop (mac, PC, or Chromebook)

Webinar Format:

- Length: 45-60 minutes
- New session every Wednesday
- On-demand access
- Detailed written summary
- Earn 1 hour of cont. ed credit

Pricing

\$1,000 registration fee + \$25/teacher. Purchase orders accepted.

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2024-25 Webinar Schedule

New sessions are released every Wednesday at 9am and can be viewed at any time. This schedule is tentative and subject to change based on new releases and product updates

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5 cool tools to try this school year

Looking for something different to use in your classroom this year? Here are five NEW tools that I recommend you consider using in your classroom this year. There's something for all subjects and grade levels!

Ability: All | Grade level focus: All | Subject Area focus: All



Simplify your lesson planning with AI

Everyone is talking about AI, but can it actually save you time? Join me to learn tips and strategies for using free AI tools to help you generate lesson plans, map your lessons to state standards, and plan out your instructional calendar. This practical session will help you SAVE TIME by letting AI support your professional skills.

Ability: All | Grade level focus: PK-12 | Subject Area focus: All



Classroom Kickstart

This session is your opportunity to learn about the latest features, upgrades, and new ways to harness the power of Google Classroom. Make Google Classroom your communication hub this year and work smarter, not harder!

Ability: All | Grade level focus: K-12 | Subject Area focus: All



Tech for Elementary Teachers

Think that Google Drive, Classroom, and Chromebooks are too advanced for K-3 students? Think again! This session will focus on practical, hands-on ways to use Google with elementary students. We will discuss the practical issues of using technology with young students and look at new ways that AI is being used by elementary teachers.

Ability: Beginner | Grade level focus: PK-4 | Subject Area focus: All

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Supporting Students with Special Needs

Everyone learns differently. Learning support tools and accommodations are a lifeline for students with learning disabilities. These tools can make the difference between success and failure. This session will introduce you to the best tools and resources for supporting students with special learning needs.

Ability: Intermediate | **Grade level focus:** K-12 | **Subject Area focus:** Special Education



AI Tools for Teachers

Trying to make sense of AI in the classroom? Join me to explore the BEST AI tools for teachers. We'll take a look at MagicSchool, Brisk, SchoolAI, Diffit, NotebookLM, and more. If you're trying to keep up with the latest AI tools and capabilities, this is the session for you!

Ability: All | **Grade level focus:** K-12 | **Subject Area focus:** All



A Teacher's guide to Chromebooks

Chromebooks have some really cool features that you should be using in your classroom! This session will introduce you to some of my favorite Chromebook features like the camera app, taking screenshots, keyboard shortcuts, virtual desks, extensions, and more!

Ability: Beginner | **Grade level focus:** K-12 | **Subject Area focus:** Any



Thanksgiving break - no session

December | New sessions posted at 9am each Wednesday



Finding a Jamboard alternative

Sadly, Jamboard has entered the Google Graveyard. This session will explore three alternatives including Google Slides, Figjam, and Canva whiteboard. If you want to draw, sketch and annotate, one of these three tools should work as a Jamboard replacement.

Ability: Intermediate | **Grade level focus:** K-12 | **Subject Area focus:** All



Guided notes with Google Docs

During this very practical session you will learn how to design a Google Doc for guided note taking. This session will go beyond “fill in the blank” type activities and introduce you to create ways you can use smart chips and drawings in your classroom assignments.

Ability: Beginner | **Grade level focus:** 6-12 | **Subject Area focus:** Technology



Using AI with Students

There are a growing number of tools that allow students to interact with artificial intelligence. This session will demonstrate several tools including MagicStudent SchoolAI, LearnLM, and Canva. Regardless of your personal thoughts on giving students access to AI, this session will give you a look some new, interesting options.

Ability: Intermediate | **Grade level focus:** 4-12 | **Subject Area focus:** Technology



Christmas break - no session

January | New sessions posted at 9am each Wednesday



Organize your digital life

Are you struggling to stay on top of email, documents, grading, and lesson planning? Being organized and efficient is critical so that you can spend less time shuffling information around, and more time helping students or staff. You will learn the top tips for organizing email, documents, photos, web resources, and more. Plus, you will learn automation strategies to help you work smarter, not harder.

Ability: Beginner/Intermediate | **Grade level focus:** K-12 | **Subject Area focus:** All



Classroom management in 2024 (a.k.a stopping sneaky students)

Do you feel like your students are running circles around you with their Chromebook? This session will help you understand common “tricks” that students use to hide content from teachers. The goal of this session is help you improve your Classroom management skills so that you can facilitate a safe and fun classroom environment.

Ability: Beginner | **Grade level focus:** K-12 | **Subject Area focus:** All



Managing Parent Communication

Teacher-parent communication is a critical, but time-consuming, aspect of managing your classroom. Join me to explore different strategies and tools for communicating with parents through email, newsletters, and class websites. Keep parents informed so they can support your work!

Ability: Beginner/Intermediate | **Grade level focus:** K-12 | **Subject Area focus:** All



Using AI to improve grading and feedback

Grading is frequently cited as one of the most time-consuming aspects of being a teacher. This session will demonstrate how AI can help you reduce the time it takes to provide personalized feedback to your students. Shortening the feedback loop will improve student motivation and help you SAVE TIME for other responsibilities.

Ability: Advanced | **Grade level focus:** K-12 | **Subject Area focus:** All

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5 AWESOME tips for teaching with Google Slides

If you enjoy creating lessons with Google slides, this session is for you! Join me to explore five ADVANCED features that will enhance your use of Google Slides in the classroom. These new and “hidden” features will re-energize your use of Slides and improve your lessons.

Ability: Advanced | **Grade level focus:** K-12 | **Subject Area focus:** Any



“Sneaky” ways to teach writing

Do you have “reluctant writers” in your classroom? I’d like to introduce you to three classroom projects that don’t seem like writing assignments, even though they are! We’ll explore podcasting, websites, and video project ideas perfect for any middle or high school classroom.

Ability: Intermediate | **Grade level focus:** 6-12 | **Subject Area focus:** All



Improve student skills with practice sets for Google Classroom

Google Classroom offers a tool called “practice sets” that allows you to design practice assignments for students in a way that will help them build essential skills. Join me to learn how you can design, share, and re-use practice sets for your math, science, or social studies classroom.

Ability: Intermediate/Advanced | **Grade level focus:** K-12 | **Subject Area focus:** Math/ELA



Introducing “Read Along” (improve reading skills!)

Read Along is a free application that provides guided reading practice to students using the power of AI. We’ll explore how you can use read-along to support struggling readers through leveled texts. You’ll also get to see how Read-along is integrated into Google Classroom.

Ability: Beginner | **Grade level focus:** K-4 | **Subject Area focus:** All

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Improve your Spreadsheet skills!

This session is a no-judgement introduction to spreadsheet basics. We'll talk about sorting and filtering data, easy formulas (addition, subtraction, etc), and creating graphs & charts. If you don't consider yourself a "spreadsheet person," this is the perfect session for you!

Ability: Beginner | **Grade level focus:** K-12 | **Subject Area focus:** All



Supercharge your spreadsheet skills with AI

AI tools like Google Gemini and ChatGPT are really good at writing complex formulas for Google Sheets. During this session I'll demonstrate how I used AI to develop a curriculum mapping planner with lots of automations built in.

Ability: Intermediate/Advanced | **Grade level focus:** K-12 | **Subject Area focus:** All



Screencasting in the Classroom

Screencasting is the act of creating an instructional video by recording your computer screen. This is an incredibly effective strategy for review, feedback, homework, sub plans, and more. During this session we will explore several different tools and tips for creating and sharing a quality recording.

Ability: Intermediate | **Grade level focus:** 4-12 | **Subject Area focus:** All



Spring break - no session

April | New sessions posted at 9am each Wednesday



Hands on learning with Google Sites

Google Sites is an ideal tool for group projects, portfolios, and class showcases. This session will demonstrate the potential for Google Sites and introduce key tools and strategies you can use to engage your students in project based learning.

Ability: Beginner | Grade level focus: K-12 | Subject Area focus: All



End of year project ideas

It's time to plan your end-of-year project to showcase the growth of your students. We'll look at using Google Slides, Sites, video, and podcasting to showcase student learning. These are brilliant projects to share with families at the end of the year!

Ability: Intermediate | Grade level focus: K-12 | Subject Area focus: All



Improve your AI prompt engineering skills

"Prompt engineering" is the skill of phrasing questions in a way that is most likely to result in a useful response. During this session we will explore best practices for generating queries using ChatGPT and Google Gemini. You'll also get a list of sample prompts written specifically for K-12 teachers.

Ability: Intermediate | Grade level focus: K-12 | Subject Area focus: All



Deep Dive into Google Vids

Google Vids is a brand NEW tool for Google Drive that makes it easy to turn a document or presentation into a video. This brand new tool has great potential for parent communication, student presentations, and creative multimedia project. Let's explore the use of Google Vids in the classroom together!

Ability: Intermediate | Grade level focus: K-12 | Subject Area focus: All



NotebookLM - your AI assistant

NotebookLM is a free tool that lets you quickly analyze and summarize key points from large quantities of text using the power of AI. Join me to explore how English teachers, department heads, and school leaders can improve data analysis using this easy to use and useful tool.

Ability: Intermediate | Grade level focus: K-12 | Subject Area focus: Humanities; Admins

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30 Ways to use Google Forms in your Classroom

Google Forms is more than a tool for assessments and surveys. I'll share real examples of forms used for lesson planning, IEP accommodations, parent communication, escape rooms, reading logs and MORE! You'll get a detailed list of all 30 forms and templates you can use in your own classroom!

Ability: Intermediate/Advanced | **Grade level focus:** K-12 | **Subject Area focus:** All



Getting Google Certified

Google offers a variety of certifications for educators including level 1, certified coach, trainer, innovator, and more. This session will explain each certification, the benefits of each program, and provide helpful resources you can use to earn your certification.

Ability: All | **Grade level focus:** K-12 | **Subject Area focus:** All



Check out my Chrome!

You spend a lot of time using the Chrome browser, but do you know these 10 advanced features? We'll dive into essential keyboard tricks, accessibility features for everyone, organization strategies and some cool extensions. This is an essential session for Chrome power users and anyone who teaches in a 1:1 Chromebook environment.

Ability: All | **Grade level focus:** K-12 | **Subject Area focus:** All



Tips for wrapping up the school year

The end of the school year is approaching. Before you head out on summer vacation, there are a few things you should do to close up your courses for the year. These tips will also put you in a great position for next year! Follow these simple tips and you'll be able to relax this summer!

Ability: Beginner | **Grade level focus:** K-12 | **Subject Area focus:** All