Google Classroom
Setting Up Your Class
What is Classroom?

Google Classroom is designed to help teachers effectively manage document sharing and provide feedback to their students. Google Classroom works side-by-side with Google Drive.
Classroom is NOT:

A learning management system (LMS)
A student information system (SIS)
A gradebook

Classroom is designed to fit alongside your existing solutions (i.e. Moodle, Edmodo, Hapara, PowerSchool, etc)
Accessing Classroom

Google Classroom can be accessed at classroom.google.com. Currently Classroom is invitation-only, but is expected to be publically available in September of 2014.
Teacher Setup

Classroom is designed to be used by teachers without input from IT or Tech Support.

Setting up your classroom will take less than 5 minutes per class!
Teacher Setup

Welcome to Classroom!

Classroom lets you communicate with your classes and easily share assignments, materials, and messages.
Teacher Setup

Enter class name and period (optional)
Classroom “home”

UPCOMING ASSIGNMENTS
This class has no assignments due soon.

CLASS CODE
Students can join the class with this code:
peflbj5

Welcome to your class!

Do you want to take a tour to learn more?

START TOUR
Change cover image
Enrolling Students

Two ways to enroll students:
- By email address
- via a unique classroom code

Note: Students and teacher must be in the same domain (same email address). Classroom does not currently support multi-domain districts.
Biology

Welcome to your class!
Do you want to take a tour to learn more?

START TOUR

UPCOMING ASSIGNMENTS
This class has no assignments due soon.

CLASS CODE
Students can join the class with this code:
pefbj6

Share with your class...
Teacher Tip:

If you plan on enrolling your students, you will need their email addresses.

The easiest way to add students via email is to create a contact group within Gmail. Give the group the same name as your class (i.e. “Biology 1”)
Your Gmail contacts will be displayed within Classroom. Select a contact group or individual users to enroll them in your class.
Distribute the unique class code and students can self-enroll. Code can be disabled or reset if unauthorized individuals begin to join.
Enrolled Students will be listed in the class roster and can be removed if necessary.
Class Announcements

Google Classroom provides a simple “announcement” feature which allows teachers to send messages to all enrolled students.

The messaging tool can include links, attachments and videos.

Students can reply to announcements.
Classroom Announcement Tool

Welcome to Biology!

YouTube Video

Web URL

Attachment

Google Drive File

Announcement

Assignment
Posted Announcement

Students can reply to announcements.

Teachers can delete student posts if moderation is needed.
Class Assignments

The primary purpose of classroom is to make distributing assignments to students easier. Assignments can include a due date and time. Assignments can include a link, video, or attachment.
# Classroom Assignment Screen

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<th>Assignment Name</th>
<th>Assignment Description</th>
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<td>Biology Lab 1</td>
<td>Please use this spreadsheet to collect your lab data this week.</td>
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<th>Due date / time</th>
<th>Attachment / Video / Link</th>
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<td>June 24, 2014 11:59 PM</td>
<td>[M&amp;M Data (Belvidere)] Google Sheets</td>
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Classroom Assignment Screen

Biology Lab 1

Please use this spreadsheet to collect your lab data this week.

Due  Jun 24, 2014  11:59 PM  

M&M Data (Belvidere)
Google Sheets

This is where the “magic” happens!
Student View / Edit Rights

- **“view only”**
- Whole class edits same file
- Make copy for each student
Classroom creates a folder structure in the students Drive account.
Assignments - Teacher View

Teachers can easily determine how many assignments have been turned in.
Assignments - student view

Students can submit assignments with a single click!
Assignments - student view

Students can also submit assignments directly from Google Docs!
Class Assignments

Teachers do not have access to student work until submitted.

Students may choose to manually share files if desired.

Once submitted, teacher becomes the owner of the Doc and student can no longer edit.
Class Assignments

Students can submit/unsubmit as necessary. Due dates/times do not (at this time) have an impact on document editing or submissions.
Grading Assignments
Add a personal note/comment

Open Drive folder with assignments.

Download CSV of grades.

Minimal grade scale options.

Enter a numerical grade.
When finished grading and commenting on assignments, “return” them to students for review or revisions.
Grading Assignments

Teachers can provide feedback to students through Classroom.

Students can ask questions and respond to teacher comments.

Teachers can also add comments within the Doc / Presentation / etc to leave feedback.
Student Features
Easily switch between classes
Student dashboard with multi-class view. Shows pending assignments.

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<th>NOT TURNED IN (4/5)</th>
<th>TURNED IN (1/5)</th>
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Students receive email notifications for all announcements and assignments.
Sample system email message delivered to student

Assignment: Gender in Medicine and Literature

John Sowash (Classroom) <no-reply@classroom+66ee3614@google.com>
12:31 AM (11 minutes ago)

John Sowash added a new assignment to English.

Assignment: Gender in Medicine and Literature
Instructions: Please read this article prior to class on Thursday.
Due date: Jun 19
View assignment: https://classroom.google.com/c/MTA5Nzc5/a/MTExNDE1

You are receiving this email because you are signed up for English. Click to unsubscribe from these emails:
https://classroom.google.com/s
Missing Features
Missing Features

No Google Calendar Integration
No Google Sites integration
Not ideal for large projects (sharing multiple docs and templates; mixed editing rights)
Minimal grading options / features
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