



## EVIDENCE TA BRIEF: Tools for Virtual Learning

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Identifying resources around virtual learning platforms and tools.

#### Included in this report:

- 1) Digital Learning Management Systems
- 2) Live Video Communication Platforms
- 3) Tools to Promote Collaboration and Engagement

### 1. Digital Learning Management Systems

**Google Classroom.** Free platform that helps classes connect remotely, communicate and stay organized.

- [Getting Started](#)

**Class Dojo.** Free platform that incorporates a communication tool that makes it easy to stay in touch and track student progress.

- [The Complete Beginner's Guide to Using Class Dojo](#)

**Edmodo.** Free, mobile-friendly platform with tools and resources to manage classrooms and engage students remotely, offering a variety of languages.

- [Getting Started](#)

### 2. Live-Video Communication Platforms

**Zoom.** Cloud platform for video and audio conferencing, collaboration, chat and webinars that is mobile-friendly.

- [Comprehensive Guide to Educating Through Zoom](#)
- [Zoom 101 for Teachers](#)

**CISCO Webex.** Allows for teaching virtually with lesson plans, facilitating group projects and hosting webinars.

- [Virtual Learning Resources](#)

**Microsoft Teams.** Engage students with virtual face-to-face connections and activities.

- [Microsoft Teams for Education: Quick Start Guide](#)

**Google Hangouts.** Video calls integrated with other Google-suite tools.

### 3. Tools to Promote Collaboration and Engagement

**Google Jamboard.** Interactive whiteboard where student tablet users can access a suite of rich editing tools to collaborate with students or educators.

- [Introduction to Jamboard App](#)

**Google Docs.** Free online collaboration tool that allows for easy commenting on group work and student assignments.

**Mural.** A digital workspace for visual collaboration.

- [Mural Remote Facilitation Workbook](#)

**Flipgrid.** Allows the user to create short videos that serve as meeting places and allow for icebreakers, weekly reflections, and mini-presentations. Great for community building.

- [Flipgrid Remote Learning Guide](#)

**Parlay.** Create your own topic or request a custom discussion prompt for students to engage in and respond to.

- [Discussion-Based Learning Resources](#)

**Seesaw.** Learning loop created between students, teachers, and families includes intuitive tools like draw+record, collage, videos, and more.

- [Getting Started for Teachers and Families](#)

## **4. Training Resources**

**Hapara.** Helps educators using Google Classroom by offering training webinars from other educators.

**Learning Keeps Going.** Extensive collection of free tools, strategies, tips and best practices for teaching online from a coalition of USA-based education organizations.

**Common Sense Education.** Webinars addressing the transition to remote learning platforms.