

Virtual Learning Tools

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Initial Query for this Brief. Identify measures and best practices around Virtual Learning, specifically strategies and platforms to transform programs that were once conducted in person to virtual settings.

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.

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