

A Guide for Students & Parents

Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools

This guide can serve as a resource for parents and students throughout our time of remote learning. Please refer back to this guide when you have questions and to assist you in navigating learning from home.

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Digital Lessons

A digital lesson can take many forms, but some key features that may be included are:

-  Interactive components that allow students to participate in the lesson (even if it is not live)
-  Voice narration and/or explanation from the teacher 
-  A mixture of visual content, video, and assessment 

 What is the difference between **synchronous** and **asynchronous** learning?

- **Synchronous** learning is when students and the teacher are “live” at the same time (i.e. Google Meet, Teacher-paced Nearpod).
- **Asynchronous** learning is when students can access a lesson on their own time, like Netflix is for TV (on-demand). (i.e. Screencasts, Nearpod student-paced lesson, Google Meet recording).

 Teachers will use a variety of tools to instruct their students. Some tools lend themselves more to certain grade levels and content areas. Not all teachers will use all of these lesson types.

 “Unplugged” activities will be included by teachers wherever possible.

 Not all lessons should require students to use a device.

 Students are encouraged to take breaks when needed and get outside (when safe).

Digital Learning Pathways

SIS vs LMS



Our District Student Information System (SIS) is **Infinite Campus**. An SIS is where the District stores information regarding contact information, scheduling, and more. This is the place that teachers post grades and where you can find report cards. For our secondary students, teachers use Infinite Campus to post assignments that will be graded and may share a link or information about the Learning Management System that they use.

👉 **Resource:** [Parent Portal User Guide for HWPS](#)

A Learning Management System (LMS) is a platform that gives teachers a place to connect with their students. It is a digital hub where materials such as lessons, videos, links, handouts, and other resources can be shared by the teacher. Students can then access these materials, follow directions outlined by their teacher(s), and submit work digitally.

- Elementary LMS: **Seesaw, Google Classroom**
- Secondary LMS: **Google Classroom, Schoology**

Teachers select the platform that best meets their instructional needs. Some of our teachers find Infinite Campus to be sufficient. Others choose to use an LMS to further their instructional possibilities.

Although we know that there are times when students are asked to use multiple platforms by different teachers, we find that our students are able to work within more than one platform and that this exposure to various platforms will promote technological flexibility.

Digital Lessons Through A Learning Management System:



Seesaw (Elementary):

CLASS

What is it? A learning journal where teachers and students can share pictures, videos, and more.

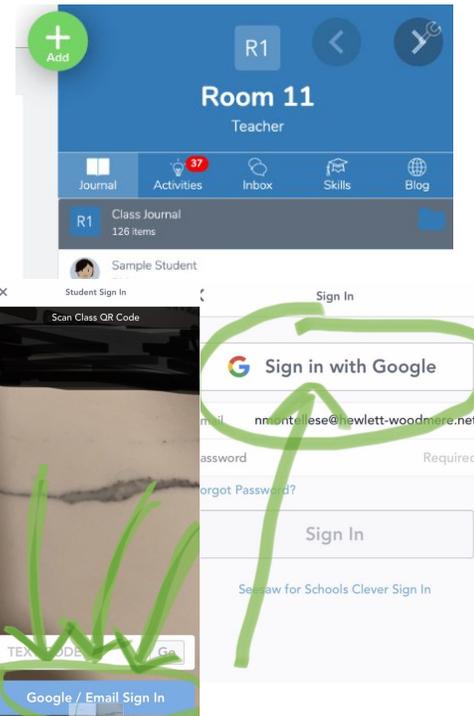
Seesaw Activities: Students may access the Seesaw Class app two ways:

1. Through the student's *classlink* account (recommended for computers/laptops).
2. Seesaw Class app (recommended for tablets- download from any app store). This is a **different** app than the Seesaw Families app that we have already been using to communicate.

👉 App logins: use the "sign in with google" options- see video and pictures for reference.

[Video: Log in to Seesaw Class app with HWPS email](#)

[Video: Students view lesson and respond in Seesaw](#)



Google Classroom (Elementary and Secondary):

What is it? A workflow platform that integrates easily with the G Suite for Education apps (Docs, Drive, Slides).

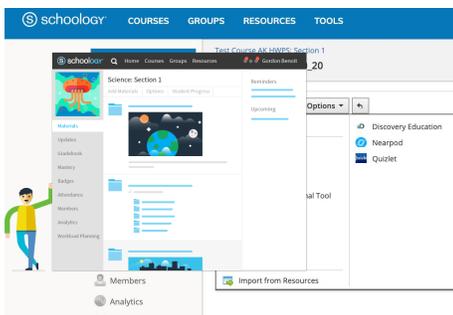
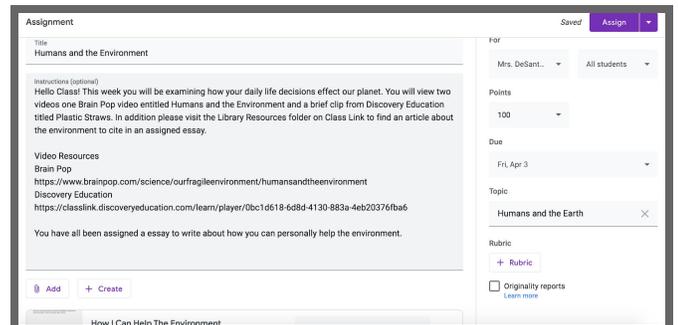
How to access it: Classroom can be accessed through Classlink or when

signed into the Chrome browser on a personal computer.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM GUIDE FOR PARENTS IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES

[Albanian](#) | [Arabic](#) | [Bengali](#) | [Chinese](#) | [English](#) | [French](#) | [Haitian-Creole](#) | [Russian](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Korean](#) | [Urdu](#)

Google Classroom Tutorial Videos: [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Wolof](#)



Schoology (Secondary):

What is it? Schoology is a learning management system that some of our teachers use to deliver content, communicate with students, collect student work, and share materials.

How to access it: Students should sign into Schoology through [Classlink](#).

Parents should sign in with their email address and password at <https://app.schoology.com/login>.

Lesson Tools and Information



What is it? Nearpod lessons are a combination of content and activities.

How to access? Students do not have Nearpod accounts. The teachers will share a Nearpod via a code or link. Students can follow the link or go to Nearpod.com, select Join and then enter the code.

Site: <https://nearpod.com/>



What is it? A Buncee is a set of slides that may contain engaging activities, resources, and content. In addition to teachers creating Buncees to share with students, students can create Buncees to show what they know!

How to access: Teachers will share Buncees via links on their learning platform. Students can create Buncees by signing in with their @hwps.net Google account at:

<https://hwpsd.edu.buncee.com>



Screencasts

What is it? A screencast is a recording created by a teacher that shows their computer screen or self teaching a lesson or reviewing material. These videos are then posted to the learning management platform (Seesaw, Google Classroom, or Schoology) or someplace else for the student to access. These lessons are considered asynchronous and can be accessed “on-demand” by students.



What is it? A video platform that allows teachers to share prompts that students respond to with video.

How do I sign in? When a prompt is shared by the teacher, students should sign in with their @hwps.net Google account.

[FlipGrid Guide](#)

[FlipGrid YouTube Channel](#)

[FlipGrid- Student Help](#)



What is it? Discovery Education has standards-based digital curriculum resources for K–12. Their multimedia content includes videos, segments, articles, and materials.

How do I sign in? Students should sign in through Classlink, unless directed otherwise by their teacher.



What is it? Khan Academy offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that allows

learners to study at their own pace.

How do I sign in? If instructed to by their teachers, students should sign in through Classlink.



What is it? Edpuzzle is an app where teachers can create interactive videos for their students.

How to use it? Edpuzzle assignments will be shared via links from teachers. Students should sign in with their @hwps.net Google accounts.



Hyperdocs using Google Docs

What is it? HyperDoc is a term used to describe a Google Doc that contains an innovative lesson for students, in a format that looks like a worksheet, but with much more!



What is it? Smore is a website that allows users to create online, interactive newsletters and flyers. Teachers will share a Smore Newsletter through their established Learning Management System or via email.



What is it? Wakelet is a content curation tool that allows teachers (and students) to gather sites, videos, articles, and so much more on one organized webpage. Teachers will share a Wakelet on their established Learning Management System.

How do I access it? <https://wakelet.com/>

Best Features: Features Read Mode which harnesses Microsoft Immersive Reader Tools for students with special needs.

LIVE Sessions



Google Meet

What is it? Meet is Google's online conferencing tool. Teachers and students can "present" their screen, use audio, and/or video to connect.

How do I access it? The way that students will access Google Meet will vary based on the learning pathway that is being used by the teacher. Some pathways include:

- Going to <https://meet.google.com/> and inputting the code given by the teacher
- Accessing the link or nickname provided in Seesaw, Classroom, or Schoology.
- An email from the teacher with the link or meeting nickname
- Using the Meet app and signing in with @hwps.net credentials

*Although HS student tablets have the cameras disabled, students can still participate via audio and can share their screens, if requested by the teachers. Additionally, students can access Google Meet from their personal phone, if video is desired.



🔗 IMPORTANT LINKS & INFO:

Accessing District Resources Remotely

F Drive, Apps and Website Access: [Classlink](#)

District Network Drives other than F (for HS students only): [Citrix](#)

👨👩👧👦 Remote Learning Resources for Families

[District Website: Remote Learning](#)

[Technology Guide YouTube Channel](#)

🙄 Having issues with a platform?

With the volume of traffic that most web platforms are seeing, there will be some hiccups here and there. To get more information, check on the sites here:

[Seesaw](#) [Schoology](#) [Google](#)

🙋♂️ Need help? 🙋♀️

For instructional issues with one of the platforms listed above, please contact the teacher who assigned the work.

For technical, account-related, or issues that cannot be resolved by the classroom teacher, please use [this form](#) to submit a request for IT Support.