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Tips for Enabling Distance Learning through G Suite & Chrome

As illness and other factors prevent students from attending school in-person, how might educators leverage powerful tools to extend learning to home environments? Distance Learning has been utilized successfully for this purpose, and Google for Education can successfully enable these pedagogies. Below are some common challenges educators face when implementing distance learning, and how G Suite and Chrome can provide impactful solutions.



Challenge

Developing educator understanding of distance learning and digital tools

Tips

Google for Education Certified Innovators and Trainers are sharing their best practices and strategies for successful implementation of distance learning. Follow @GoogleForEdu for ongoing tips, and check out the lessons on our Teacher. Curate lessons and tips that seem most relevant to your needs, and share them with your staff.

Distance learning without home Internet access

Teachers prepare <u>interactive lessons in Google Slides</u>, and have students enable offline use while they still have Internet access. Students can continue to work on assignments, and explore content in slides while away from school <u>using offline mode</u>.

Engaging students in remote instruction

If students have access to home Internet, teachers can engage students in interactive lessons using YouTube, Google Classroom, and Meet. They can develop <u>interactive YouTube presentations</u> that students can watch at their own pace, or <u>schedule Hangouts Meet sessions</u> where they can video conference with their students live. <u>Digitize your existing</u> curricular content leveraging Google Classroom and G Suite.

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Finding ready-made learning content	Source <u>high-quality YouTube learning content</u> and create personalized learning playlists for students to explore while at home.
	Utilize the time away from core studies to increase <u>digital</u> <u>citizenship</u> and <u>applied digital skills.</u>
	Engage students in <u>Project Based Learning</u> while they're away from the classroom, so they can return with a deeper ability to problem solve and think critically.
Developing a safe and efficient system to send Chromebooks home	Create a plan in advance to send devices home and read up on best practices from other school districts that support distance learning today. Consider how to monitor devices and restrict usage to school / district guidelines using both device and user settings. Provision applications that will enable teachers to teach remotely as well as curricular content and productivity tools for students.
Meeting the needs of diverse learners	Educate yourself on Chromebook and G Suite accessibility features by exploring this <u>Teacher Center lesson</u> and this <u>website</u> . Prepare your diverse learners for distance learning by scheduling small group or 1:1 time to make them comfortable with these tools.
Communicating with families	Communicate early and often with guardians so they are aware of your school / district distance learning plans and procedures, and learn more on the <u>Teacher Center</u> . Create a shared calendar to make timelines transparent. Engage



aware of your school / district distance learning plans and procedures, and learn more on the <u>Teacher Center</u>. Create a <u>shared calendar</u> to make timelines transparent. Engage guardians in their students' learning through <u>Google Classroom</u>. Create a <u>Google Site</u> to be the hub of information on distance learning and when normal school activities can/will resume.

Share your tips for distance learning

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