

Google Classroom for Teachers





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Classroom Fundamentals

Google Classroom is a platform used by teachers everywhere to teach collaboratively. The tools within Classroom allow you to create classes, manage work, and provide feedback from one central, online location.

In this module, you'll learn the fundamentals of using Google Classroom, including how to sign in, navigate the Classroom environment, and modify the settings that affect all the classes you teach.

Objectives

Sign In

Classroom Navigation

Classroom Settings

Sign In

Sign In to Google Classroom

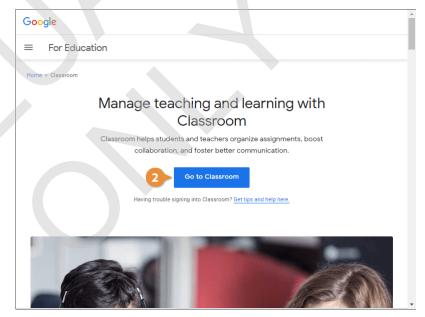
Before you get started creating classes, you'll need to know how to sign in. There are three types of accounts you can use to access Google Classroom. The account type affects which options are available in Classroom.

- School Account: Also called a G Suite for Education account, this type of account is set up by a school's IT department at an accredited school (e.g. you@yourschool.edu). The school will have a Google Classroom administrator who controls some settings at a school-wide level. This is the only account type that allows sending guardian emails.
- **Personal Account:** Set up by you for personal use (e.g. you@gmail.com). These accounts are typically set up outside of a school or business setting. Homeschool teachers often use a personal account to sign in to Classroom.
- **G Suite Account:** Set up by an organization's Google account administrator (e.g. you@yourcompany.com). These accounts are used in business or other non-accredited organizations.
- Navigate to Classroom.Google.com.

Because Google programs work well together, using Chrome as the web browser is recommended when accessing Classroom.

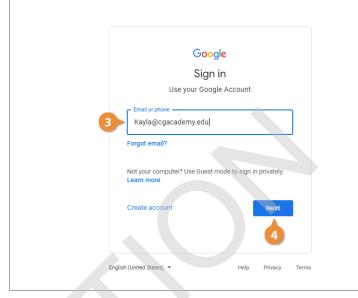
2 Click Go to Classroom.

Tip: If you'll be visiting this page often, you may find it helpful to bookmark it for easy access.



- Enter your Google account email address.
 - If you don't have an account, click **Create account** on this page to create a personal Google account.
- Click Next.
- Enter your Google account password.
- 6 Click Next.

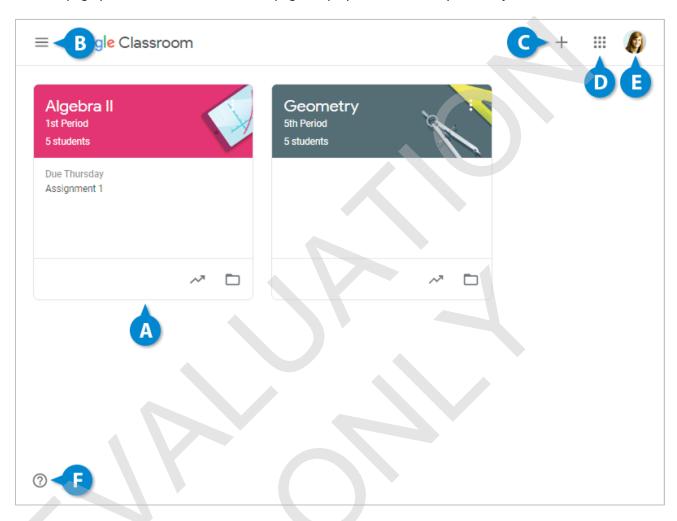
You are logged in. Any classes you've created display on the Google Classroom homepage.



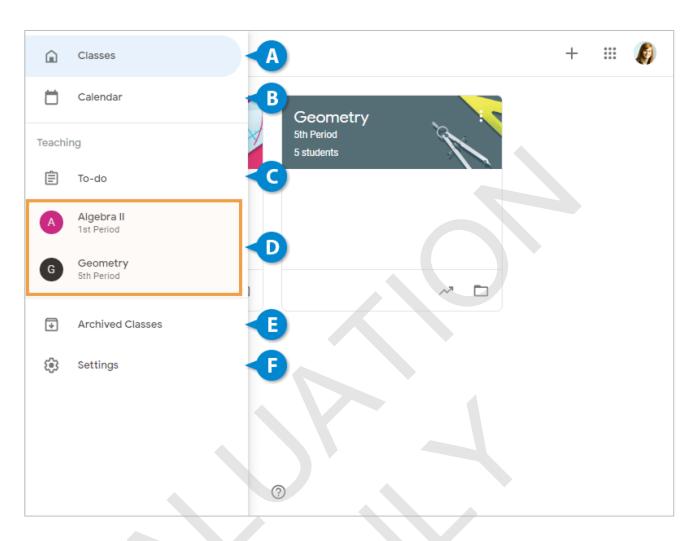


Classroom Navigation

There's plenty to explore once you sign in to Google Classroom. First, you'll need to know how to navigate. The first page you see, the Classroom homepage, displays all the classes you have joined or created.



A	Class Tile: Displays the class name and number of students, as well as a link to the gradebook and the folder for the class's files on Google Drive.	D	Google Apps: Jump to another Google application in the suite. The selected application will open in a new browser tab.
В	Menu: Contains options to change views, jump to a class, or modify settings.	(Google Account: Click your picture to modify your Google Account settings. You can view your Google Account page, add an additional Google Account, or sign out from here.
G	Create or Join a Class: Click the + to create a new class or join a class using a class code.	F	?: See what's new, send feedback, ask a question, or get help.



A	Classes: View the Google Classroom homepage, which shows your active classes in the tile format.	D	Active Classes: Your active classes are listed here in the menu. Quickly jump to a class by clicking it.
B	Calendar: Track assignments, questions, and events in class calendars. For each class, you and your students can view work in a calendar view.	E	Archived Classes: View the classes you are done teaching and have archived. Restore or delete these classes from here.
G	To-do: See an overview of assignments and questions across all your classes on the To-do page. You can filter by class to display only the work for a specific class.	•	Settings: Modify your profile, manage account settings, and adjust notifications for email, comments, and classwork. The settings here are Google Classroom-wide settings that affect all the classes you teach.

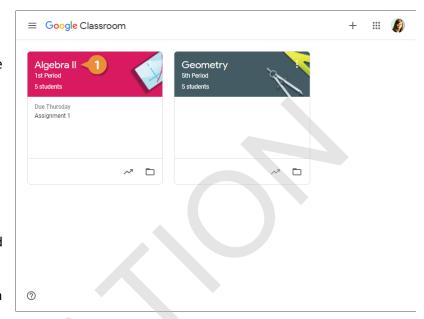
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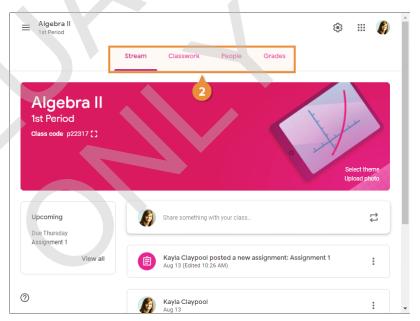
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Click the class name to open a class.

Once you enter a class, you see the class code students need to join (covered in a future lesson), as well as four tabs at the top.

- Click a tab at the top of the page to jump to an area of the class.
 - Stream: This is a central place to view class posts and announcements. When something is added to classwork, it also appears on the Stream. On the left side of the Stream page, in the Upcoming area, a list of assignments with upcoming dues dates displays.
 - Classwork: This is where you create assignments, questions, and class materials. Furthermore, you can create topics to keep the Classwork page organized. For example, you may create a topic for classwork, one for homework, and another for projects. All like-work will be organized under the topic you assign.
 - People: This tab houses the class roster, including all teachers and co-teachers of the class. You can add additional people to the class from here.
 - Grades: View, grade, and return assignments from here. You see individual student scores as well as the class average.





Return to Google Classroom

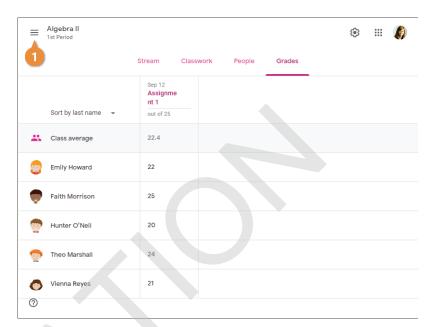
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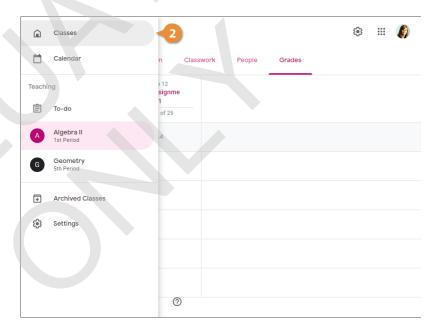
Click the Menu button.

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Select Classes.

You return to the Google Classroom homepage and all your classes display once again.



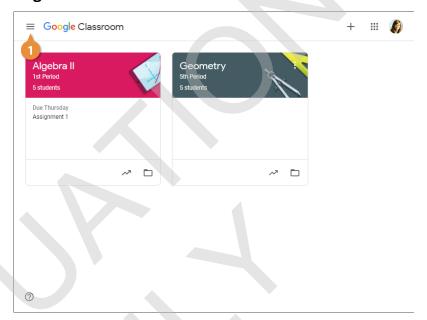


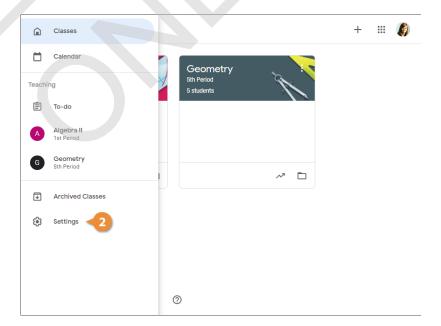
Classroom Settings

Manage Google Classroom at a global level, including account and notification settings, by making modifications on the Settings page. The changes you make here will apply to all the classes you teach. There are additional settings that can be modified at the class level; we'll cover that in another lesson.

View and Modify Classroom Settings

- Click the Menu button at the upper-left.
- Select Settings.





- Adjust the Google Classroom settings.
 - Profile picture: Add or change your Google Account picture by clicking Change.
 - Account settings: Open the Google Account settings page to make changes to your Google Account by clicking Manage. This is your "master" Google account that manages all your Google applications.
 - Email: Toggle email notifications on or off. If this is off, you won't receive any email notifications for any classes you teach.
 - Comments: Choose when to receive an email notification when someone comments.
 - Classes you teach: Choose when to receive an email notification for the classes you teach.
 - Class notifications: Turn email notifications on or off for specific classes.

