

Google Classroom in 7th Grade

Hello parents of Lesher Middle School 7th graders. We wanted to take a moment to inform you about a great tool we are making available to your son / daughter at Lesher this year. Many teachers are using Google Classroom, a user friendly tool to access student work. There are many benefits of Google Classroom: *easy access to class information, documents, assignments, grades, etc.* But every teacher uses it slightly different. Please see the notes below from your son's / daughter's teachers to find out how they are using Google Classroom to support their curriculum.

What is Google Classroom?

Google Classroom is a class website that allows teachers to create and organize assignments, provide feedback effectively, and easily communicate with their class. Check out this link for a quick video tutorial about how teachers can use Google Classroom:

<http://tinyurl.com/leshergoogleclassroom>



How does Google Classroom work?

Teachers create a website to post assignments, announcements, grades / progress, and other class work. Students sign up to be in the class and receive access to all materials teachers post. There are many benefits beyond the easy communication and access from anywhere you have internet. A teacher can post an assignment online and the assignment automatically shows up in your son's / daughter's Poudre School District Google Drive. Then, students can complete the assignment and turn it in, all online! Last, teachers can provide feedback, a grade, and return the assignment through Google Classroom.

How do I access Google Classroom?

Go to www.classroom.google.com and enter in your son's / daughter's Poudre School District username and password (*the same one they use to logon to their computer every day*). Here you will find all the classes that you are enrolled in!

Can parents gain access to Google Classroom?

Yes! The classroom teacher can invite parents to view their son's / daughter's Google Classroom website for their class only (each teacher has to do this individually). Then, parents can receive updates, announcements, view due dates, etc. Or, you can always ask your son / daughter to login and show you what's going on!

A quick note on internet access:

Google Classroom requires internet access to access class materials. However, if you do not have internet access, your son / daughter can still work on their assignments. All they have to do is open the assignment **BEFORE** leaving internet access and keep it open until they get back to internet access. In the meantime, your son / daughter can edit their assignment. When the computer connects back to the internet, all of their work will automatically be updated!

7th Grade Teachers Using Google Classroom

Every teacher uses Google Classroom different. Please see the back of this page for information on how your son's / daughter's 7th Grade teachers are using Google Classroom this school year.

Mr. Eric Peitz, Science

I am using Google Classroom to record grades for all of my assessments. I am also using it to provide feedback on assignments and allow for redo's and resubmissions. Students have the option to do their homework online and submit it in Google Classroom or turn in a paper copy, but I will return all grades in Google Classroom so students and parents can see if a student has any missing work. If students are absent or missing work, they can find the assignment in Google Classroom. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at epeitz@psdschools.org.

Ms. Sonya Berkenpas, Spanish

I am using Google Classroom in Spanish class as a tool to provide important announcements, distribute resources needed for class, and to collect students' grades and reflections. Google Classroom has been a great space for our class to give and receive information quickly. I kindly request that you ask your child to log in to his/her Google Classroom account to show you what s/he has been working on in Spanish class. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at sberkenpas@psdschools.org.

Ms. Erica Cantu and Ms. Jennifer Dinkins, Geography

Google Classroom in 7th grade World Geography will primarily be used as website for students to access course PowerPoint presentations and handouts. On occasion, students may submit assignments to the teacher through Google Classroom and grades may sometimes be posted. StudentVUE and ParentVUE should still be used to review student progress in Geography class. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email Ms. Cantu at ecantu@psdschools.org or Ms. Dinkins at jdinkins@psdschools.org

Ms. Lynn Ann Johnson, Math

I am using Google Classroom to record grades for practice assignments/homework (*all MYP Criterion – related assessments will be recorded in ParentVUE*). I will return practice grades in Google Classroom so students and parents can see how the student is doing or if they have any missing work. If students are absent or missing work, they can first look on Google Classroom for the document(s) / assignments or email me. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at lynnj@psdschools.org.

Ms. Noelle Brown, Math

I am using Google Classroom to record grades for all of my practice assignments / homework's (*assessment grades will be in ParentVue*). If students are absent or missing work, they can find any assignments on Google Classroom for both online and paper copies of homework. Parents will be able to see if a student is missing any work and can opt-in to receiving email summaries of their student's progress in class. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at nobrown@psdschools.org.

Ms. Beth Wilms, English

I use Google Classroom to post class assignments, resources, and assessments. For some assignments, students have the option to do their work online and submit it in Google Classroom or turn in a paper copy. Levels of achievement are highlighted on the rubric, and work is returned to students through whatever form it was originally turned in. Levels of achievement are noted in ParentVue. Any missing work is noted with "Mi" in ParentVue. If students are absent or missing work, they can find the documents on Google Classroom. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at bwilms@psdschools.org.

Ms. Janice Martinez, Math

I am using Google Classroom to record grades for all of my practice assignments/homework (*all MYP Criterion-related assessments will be recorded in ParentVUE*). Students have the option to do their homework online and submit it in Classroom or turn in a paper copy, depending on the assignment. I will return all practice grades in Google Classroom so students and parents can see how the student is doing or if they have any missing work. If students are absent or missing work, they can first look on Google Classroom for the document(s)/assignments or email Mrs. Martinez. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at janicem@psdschools.org.

Ms. Margaret Ketterman, English

I am using Google Classroom for writing assignments, posting classroom information, Daily Language Quizzes and some classwork. For writing, I am able to give feedback to the students, and they are able to make revisions, and resubmit the work if necessary. Google Classroom announcements, such as the Scary Story Contest, are posted with any documents needed to complete the task. Daily Language Quizzes are short quizzes that reinforce skills that are practiced in class. Classwork might include reading comprehension questions, presentations, group work, etc. Grades are not compiled in Google Classroom, but will be located in ParentVue. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at mketterm@psdschools.org.

Mr. Ben Mayer, Science

I am using Google Classroom to distribute all class materials – assignments, activities, notes, announcements, etc. Anything except hands-on labs that require materials can be found on our Google Classroom website. Therefore, if a student misses a class or would like to revisit material learned in class, everything can be found on Google Classroom. I use it for assignments as well! Students have access to their assignments and can work on them anytime they have their computer. Then, they can easily turn them in online. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at bmayer@psdschools.org.