Community Tools

Communication Tools

- Class Dojo – Parent/Teacher communication, classroom management, and community building
- Flipgrid – Assignments with video-based responses
- Google Chat (Hangouts) – Messaging system
- Microsoft Teams - Communication platform
- Remind – Messaging system for students and families
- Slack – Group messaging tool with channels
- Skype – Text and video conferencing tool
- TalkingPoints - Parent-Teacher messanging tool
- YoTeach - Backchannel classroom chat tool
- Zoom - Communication platform

Digital Whiteboards

- Google Drawings – Virtual whiteboard for drawing
- IdeaBoardz – Sticky note virtual bulletin board
- Jamboard – Whiteboard tool as a set of slides
- Lino – Sticky note whiteboard tool
- Netboard.me – Digital curation tool
- Padlet – Community-centered whiteboard tool
- Trello – Note-based collaborative whiteboard tool
- Twiddla – Basic whiteboard tool

Learning/Project Management Systems

- Basecamp – Project management and group communication tool
- Google Classroom – Classroom learning platform for Google
- Schoology – Standard learning management system

Social Media

- Instagram – Image sharing
- Twitter – Microblogging

Other

- [Actively Learn](#) – Digital reading platform
- [Biblionasium](#) - community-centered tool for reading books
- [Diigo](#) – Social bookmarking
- [Hypothes.is](#) – Social annotation
- [Wakelet](#) – Collaborative curation tool

Community Tools A-Z

Actively Learn

Actively Learn is a digital reading platform that allows teachers and students to interact within readings and digital texts. This online tool allows students to read a document as a class/group, maki...

Basecamp

Basecamp is a project management and communication tool. On Basecamp, you can set up a virtual space to organize group projects. Each space features a number of tools such as to-do lists, sched...

Biblionasium

Biblionasium is a community- and knowledge-centered tool that allows users to read, review, and share books with fellow readers. This tool's targeted age range is 6-13 years old, but it can stil...
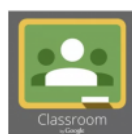
Diigo

Diigo is a social bookmarking and annotation tool that allows individuals and groups of people to highlight content and add comments to websites. Diigo is like a bookshelf of your favorite books, each...

Flip (formerly Flipgrid)

Flipgrid elevates text-based discussion forums with teacher and student constructed videos. Teachers and students can create a grid about a specific topic and encourage peers and even people from arou...

Google Classroom

Google Classroom is a learning management system (LMS) that aims to simplify creating, distributing, and grading assignments and engaging students in learning online or remotely. Google Classroom is a...

Google Drawings

Google Drawings is a virtual board that allows users to create content by drawing, pasting images, linking videos and websites, and inserting text, shapes, tables, and other content onto a page i...

Google Meet

Google Meet is a video messaging tool that allows users to communicate and collaborate at a distance. It overcomes geographical barriers and provides more opportunities for face-to-face interaction in...

Hypothes.is

Google Keep

Google Keep is a multimodal note-taking, organization, and list-making tool that exists as part of the G Suite for Education alongside applications such as Google Drive, Google Classroom, Google Forms...

IdeaBoardz

IdeaBoardz is a community-based tool that allows users to add sticky notes, known as ideaz, to an IdeaBoard. Users can make an unlimited number of IdeaBoards based on different topics. Within an IdeaB...

Jamboard

Jamboard is a Google tool that allows users to creatively organize, format, and present information through text, images, shapes, and drawings. As of 2020, there are 1.8 billion global active Google a...

Microsoft Teams

Microsoft Teams is a communication platform developed by Microsoft that offers video chat, text chat, file sharing, and more. Teams is available for download on Windows, Mac, iOS, and Android. It is a...

Padlet

Padlet is a community-centered virtual bulletin board in which collaborators can simultaneously create and organize posts of any content type, whether it be text, documents, images, videos, audio, or ...

Schoology

Schoology is an online learning management system (LMS) that allows educators to organize curriculum, create lesson plans, and provide student assessment. The LMS platform allows for peer collaboratio...

Hypothes.is is an online social annotation tool. It allows users to annotate openly on websites, blogs, online journals, and news articles. Hypothes.is allows users to create groups to share online t...

Instagram

Instagram is a free online tool and app that allows users to capture and share photos and videos with friends and family. Since Instagram is one of the most popular social media channels for teens tod...

Lino

Lino is a web-based "sticky note" service that offers bulletin boards, called "canvases," on which people can post stickies. You can customize your canvas, choosing colors and ...

Netboard.me

Netboard.me is a customizable, digital curation tool that allows you to collect and organize information in a virtual space, similar to Padlet. Netboard.me can be used to "create web pages ...

Remind

Remind is a real-time "text" messaging tool that allows users to communicate with groups (e.g., entire classes or student organizations) or individual people. Remind has more than 20 milli...

Skype

Skype is a free web-based communication tool which allows people to video conference, make calls, and instant message. Skype has more than 300 million active users all around the world (see 24 Amazing...

Slack

Slack is a communication and task management tool. Users can create specialized messaging groups, or "channels," according to different projects, teams, and organizations. What makes it di...

TalkingPoints

TalkingPoints is a messenger tool that allows teachers to connect and communicate with parents and families across any language. Teachers can communicate with parents via text messaging (via a p...

Trello

Trello is a visual collaboration platform that gives teams perspective on projects. Trello can be used to organize, collaborate, communicate and coordinate on projects and assignments. Trello is great...

Twiddla

Twiddla is an online platform that bills itself as one of the easiest online collaborative tools in existence. And, by many measures, Twiddla does meet its goal of maintaining a simple user inte...

Twitter

Twitter is a social networking tool that allows users to connect with people and explore topics of interest (#hashtags). There are more than 229 million daily active users on Twitter (source). Twitter...

YoTeach

YoTeach! is a community-based tool that supports backchanneling, synchronous and asynchronous learning, collaboration, and real-time multimodal discussions within a virtual setting. With YoTeach!, tea...

Zoom

Zoom is a community-centered video conferencing tool that allows users to connect with other users in any location around the world. This tool became very popular and widely used during the start of t...