Utilizing Google Ap for CCR Classes During COVID 19

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Overview



Use of Google Apps would allow us to replicate the classroom experience online.

Google Apps are the best option for a short term contingency plan because they are:

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FAST

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Google Apps (Drive, Docs, Sheets, Slides, Sites, etc.) are already in use throughout ESL and CCR.

One **Gmail** account, some hands - on training, and a few app downloads would enable instructors to interact with students similarly to the way they do in class.





Many (if not most) instructors and students already have Gmail accounts.

Those who do not have Gmail accounts can create their own within a few minutes.

Google Apps are accessible on any smartphone or computer.





Gmail accounts are free to create and use.

Google Drive provides 15gb of storage, more than enough to host class resources.

Google Hangouts allows up to 10 people (possible expansion to come) to join a conference call simultaneously, with no limits on call duration.

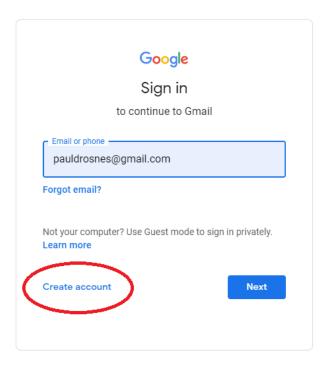
Create Gmail Accounts

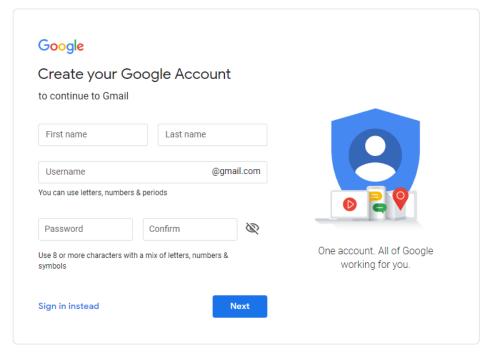
Within one class period in a computer lab, an entire class can set up accounts. (This has been achieved in beginner - level classes with the help of a volunteer)

Instructors can compile a list of student accounts.

Classes can be scheduled as calendar events in **Google** Calendar, to which the entire class can be invited at once.

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Students receive an email invite, with a link to join the Hangout. The Hangout will open in the Hangouts app or a browser window.

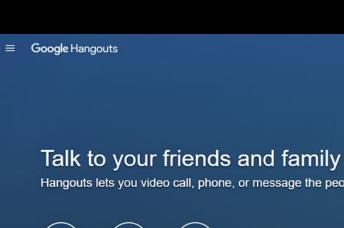
Hangouts take place in a simple interface that allows:

Video (optional)

Audio controls (toggle mute)

Screen sharing

Document sharing



Hangouts lets you video call, phone, or message the people you love.







VIDEO CALL

PHONE CALL

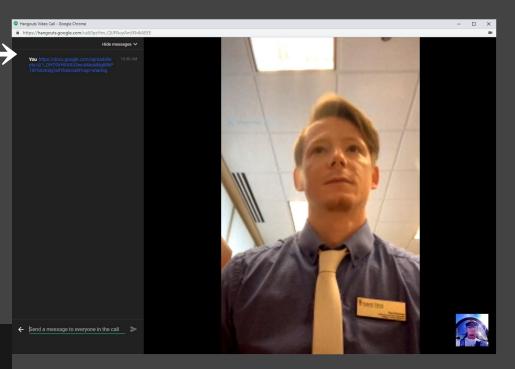
MESSAGE



Photo by Nicholas Butko

Share items from Google Drive by dropping links into the chat. (browser view shown)





Share your screen while displaying a Google Doc as a virtual whiteboard.

(mobile view (landscape) shown)





Teachers can set up folders in Google Drive to host and share various class materials:

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Lesson plan (Google Docs)

Class presentation (Google Slides)

Sign-in sheets (Google Sheets)

Worksheets (Google Docs)

Virtual whiteboard (Google Docs)
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App Downloads













Google Forms
(useful, but
no app
download)