

NJTESOL/NJBE

Hotlist Replies to Setting up a Google Classroom for pullout students of multiple grades

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Reply:

My 10 ELLs are all part of one ESL Google Classroom, though they are in different grades. I create assignments and then assign them to one or more particular students. When I need to set up a Google Meet for my 2nd graders, for example, I'll create the meeting, choose which students should participate, and then post it. Those students are the only ones who see that particular post/assignment.

I've also chosen to be a part of their General Ed teacher's Google Classrooms so that I have an idea of what is happening during the rest of each student's classes. I don't look at all the postings, but I've been able to answer questions for students and parents when they don't understand an assignment.

Reply:

I did both of these things. I had Google classes for students from 4th to 8th grade by building and I was in the classroom with the mainstream teachers. I did assignments and grading for my classes in "my classroom" but found out about mainstream assignments my students' were responsible for from the mainstream teachers' classrooms. You can modify individually for each student or groups of students with Google classroom. I found it helped me organize my instruction better.

Kathy Fernandez

Reply:

The answer to your question depends on what your district wants you to do -the program they want you to follow- since being in the same classroom would imply a push-in model, and having your own classroom would be pull-out. So you need to find out what your supervisor wants you to do. Good luck!

Jessica P-O'Hara

Bilingual /ESL Early Childhood Representative NJTESOL/NJBE

Reply:

Yes, you can. When you assign work for that student, you pick what students to assign it to- you can do all students or multiple or one.

Reply:

I did both of these things. I had my ESL google classrooms already set up like my schedule was in school and I have mixed proficiency levels in my classes so they were mixed. When we went remote in March, I added myself to their homeroom teachers classrooms (mostly as a way to catch my students attention and communicate with them because they weren't checking all their teachers google classrooms at first for assignments).

Side note: It gets annoying checking multiple places and you have to remember to turn off notifications, otherwise you get a lot of notifications from the other students in the homeroom class that aren't yours. Eventually, I got my kids attention and in a routine that I stopped posting to them in the homeroom google classroom and we just used my ESL google classrooms.

I would post ALL assignments with visuals, modeling, examples, videos, sentence starters/frames, word boxes... that way the language supports were there to help ALL proficiency levels. However, if we start out virtual again, I might put my 0 English or level 1's in a separate google classroom with separate assignments more suited for their language needs.

Jenna Maneri

Reply:

Hello, your scenario sounds similar to mine. I have one ESL Google Classroom for all of my students. Google Classroom allows you to choose who sees assigned work OR you can put your students into groups (that's what I did) right in your Google Classroom. I also was added as a co-teacher to their gen ed teachers Google Classrooms so I can "push in" to help them with their gen ed assignments, etc.

Feel free to reach out to me with specific questions!

Best regards,

Andrea

Reply:

You can individualize lessons and views you select who sees what as individual assignments and in the stream.

Try to play with it first. I used one class for 3 grade levels and individualizations were easy.

Reply:

As a middle school and high school teacher, I have 1 class set up for MS and 1 for HS. You can easily differentiate assignments for students since there is a drop-down menu on the right side to check/uncheck which students will receive which assignment. I also ask content-area teachers to add me to their classes as a co-teacher so I can look at assignments and due dates. While we were on remote

learning, I was able to help students during their content-area class time with assignments also, through Google Meet/Google Docs or Google Slides. I was also able to modify and assign assignments for the content-area classes on the content-area Google classroom. Content-area teachers were happy that I could do this. Sometimes though, I would not see the assignment until that morning which made making modifications a bit stressful.

Hana Prashker

NJTESOL/NJBE ESL Secondary SIG Representative

Reply:

Last year I set up my ESL classroom in Seesaw and students in different schools and different grades were able to join. Once logged in - they just needed to be shown how to toggle between their homeroom and ESL. Within my ESL Seesaw class I could differentiate individual assignments easily. I don't know if that ability to toggle between classes exists in Google Classroom or if students would have to log out of one classroom and log in to another.

Theresa Bailey

Reply:

You can make one big class, and assign individually within one classroom if that's what you'd like to do.

I use google classroom across K-8. We can talk about the different options of managing this if you'd like. There are so many ways to support our students with this platform.

Email me at:

skoshy@njtesol-njbe.org

Sheba K.

Reply:

Hi,

I use Google Classroom for my ELL's. I sent them up independent from their classroom teacher. I organize them by grade clusters. You can send individualized assignments based on level, or you can send it out as a grade level. Super easy if you just play around with it.

You can email me if you need assurance.

Good luck,

Joan Stetser

-----Original Message-----

To: njtesolbe-hot <njtesolbe-hot@lyris.dundee.net>

Sent: Wed, Jul 29, 2020 2:39 pm

Subject: [njtesolbe-hot] Setting up a Google Classroom for pullout students of multiple grades

Hello,

Has anyone ever set up one ESL Google classroom for their push in/pullout student population across multiple grade levels and multiple SLP levels? I am trying to brainstorm ways to organize my students one place and be able to give individual assignments in a remote learning platform.

Should I consider adding myself to their classroom teachers Google classroom instead of creating my own classroom for ESL? I would prefer setting up one Class code and inviting each of my 14 students located in different schools/grade levels throughout the district? I guess the bigger question is if Google classroom would allow individual views for differentiated assignments for my diverse population of students of different grade levels, IEPs' and SLP levels.

Any advice would help.

Thank You,

Alice