

Tech Toolkit for Families and Guardians

This toolkit is for educators and allows them to share resources to learn more about [Google's technology with Families and Guardians](#).

When educators and guardians meaningfully connect, communicate, and collaborate, a child's learning and well-being are greatly enhanced. And one piece of that communication is the ability to engage and inform parents of the technologies their child is using in the classroom-- critical to support children learning at home or school. Google provides a lot of the technology that many schools are using -- and students are using to learn. We've heard that many educators want to share more about the tech choices they've made for the classroom with families and guardians, but that it can be hard to find time and also act as tech support- all while trying to teach and also navigate the tech themselves.

So, we've created a Tech Toolkit for Families and Guardians to help build the relationship between families and educators by providing training, resources, and more to establish a connection that allows students to thrive. The toolkit breaks down the digital technology and resources students are using in the classroom. In the format of quick training videos, explaining Google tools, and best practices for family engagement, we've made them simple, easy, and emphasized the relevance of these products and features to families.

Let's break down this toolkit...



[Google for Education Video Series](#)

This YouTube playlist explains the technology students are using in their classroom and how it is relevant to Families and Guardians. In quick videos, Google Innovator, Trainers, and GEG Leaders dive into how students are using these products and features in the classroom, and what guardians need to know. This playlist covers Google Workspace for Education, Google Classroom, Google Meet, Chromebooks, Accessibility, and Security. Additionally, the [Global GEG Leaders](#) have created a [Google Junior Training Series](#) with step by step guides on specific features within Google's products.



[Google Terms Glossary](#)

The Google Terms Glossary covers various Google products that educators may use in their classroom. There are product names and descriptions of how the products are being used by students, such as Google Classroom, Meet, and more. We've made this glossary digestible and printable, so families and guardians can get a brief overview of the digital technologies their child could be using.



[Best Practices for Family Engagement](#)

This one-pager provides best practices for families and guardians to stay engaged with their child's education, build healthy digital habits, and communicate with the educator and their student on their progress.



[Tech FAQ](#)

This FAQ answers the most frequently asked questions from families and guardians on the technologies kids are using in the classroom and issues they may run into. We've made this FAQ so it can easily be distributed, and serve as either quick answers that educators can pull from to help families and guardians, or share directly with them.



We've also provided an [email template](#) for educators to distribute to families and guardians that goes over the toolkit. Below are some additional resources that can be helpful for families and guardians:

Educational resources: [Guardian's Guides](#), [Teach from Anywhere](#), [Tips for Distance Learning](#), [Learning and exploring on a personal Chromebook](#), [Learning from home with Chromebooks](#), [YouTube's Learn at Home](#)
Digital well-being and online safety: [Family Link](#), [Be Internet Awesome](#), [Common Sense Media](#), [Family Online Safety Institute](#), [Safety Center](#)
Helpful external applications: [Classtag](#), [Remind](#), [Seesaw](#)