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INCREASING SAFETY IN A REMOTE LEARNING WORLD

In a time where digital classrooms are becoming the new normal, staying safely connected with your students is imperative. There are certain precautions we can take in order to make the digital classroom a safe learning environment for everyone. In order to do so, let's take a look at some of the different software and platforms that can be used for these digital classrooms:



Google Classroom

All of these audio/video software programs are great resources to host your digital classroom. Each of them have their own user and privacy settings, so depending on the size of your classroom, the utility of built-in and add-on third party applications, and what you want the program to be able to do, each of them have their pros and cons. There are many Youtube videos and instructional guides on how to use these programs and what they can be utilized for.

Please keep in mind and share with your students that your school's Code of Conduct still applies to the digital and the remote learning environment.

let's talk safety



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it's all about connection

In times where physical classrooms may not be an option, connection with your students in a safe remote setting is crucial for their emotional and mental wellbeings.

when it comes to privacy

There are many privacy and safety precautions you can take with video conferencing software such as Zoom, MS Teams, and Google Classrooms. Know how to protect yourself and your students by:

- Not posting the **link** to your classroom publicly (share directly with students and parents)
- Require a **password** to your classroom
- **Disable** any features that may allow students to have unsupervised interactions
- Know where the **mute** button is - you are going to need it; know how to mute others as the Host of the call

Add a disclaimer to your communications with students and parents to remind them that these are private sessions and although conducted remotely via the internet, it is expected that no content from these sessions will be documented without consent, distributed online outside of these conversations/sessions, and that no third-party capture or social sharing of these sessions will occur.