

The Digital Classroom

Using Google Classroom & Office 365 Tools, Part 1

Like Google, Microsoft offers many exciting free tools for educators. Both have unique features and applications, and both are available for use in USD 261. This document presents a comparison of the two educational platforms and provides details on some of the options Microsoft has to offer for enhancing classroom engagement and learning through the 365 Education applications.

Google Suite for Edu vs. Office 365 for Edu (Comparison Chart)



Why choose? My district has both set up and we're not forced to choose between great in-class connections and engaging game-based learning. You can set up matching accounts in both with identical logins on the same domain, so it's not an extra thing to remember. Yes, you have to choose only one for email, but that's a small cost. So I say let your teachers connect and collect assignments in Google Classroom while others are lesson-planning in OneNote and all are having fun doing digital PBL (project-based learning) through Minecraft.

WHY LIMIT YOURSELF OR YOUR STUDENTS WHEN THE FUTURE CERTAINLY WON'T.



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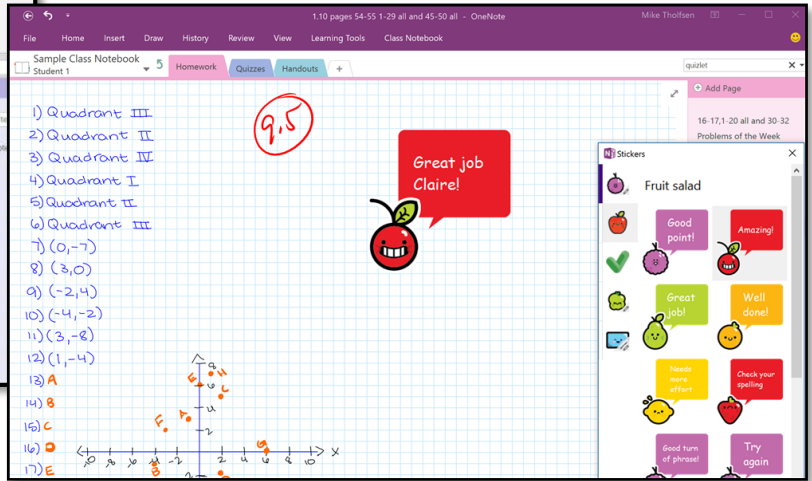
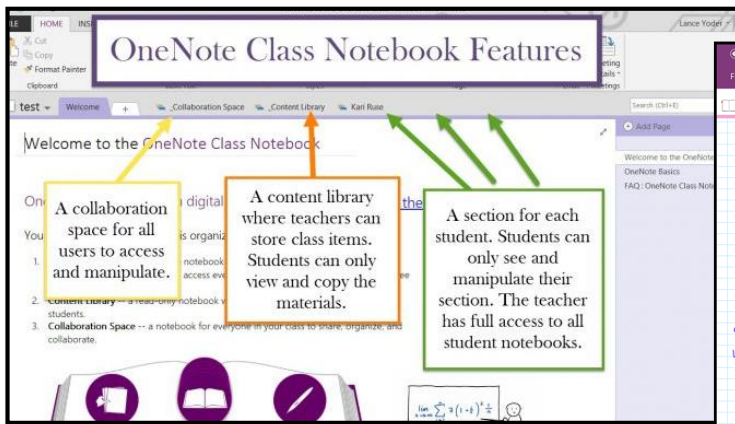
Microsoft Office 365 for Education Overview

Microsoft Educator Community	Connect and collaborate, find training and lessons, and earn badges and certificates on this personalized hub created for educators. To learn more, go to: https://education.microsoft.com/
Teams	The Microsoft Teams application provides a digital classroom hub for educators and student to collaborate. For an introduction to TEAMS and training, visit: https://education.microsoft.com/courses-and-resources/courses/introtomicrosoftteams

OneNote Class Notebook

OneNote Class Notebooks have a personal workspace for every student, a content library for handouts, and a collaboration space for lessons and creative activities. For an overview of OneNote Class Notebook features, go to:

<https://www.onenote.com/classnotebook>



Microsoft Teams Deployment Options



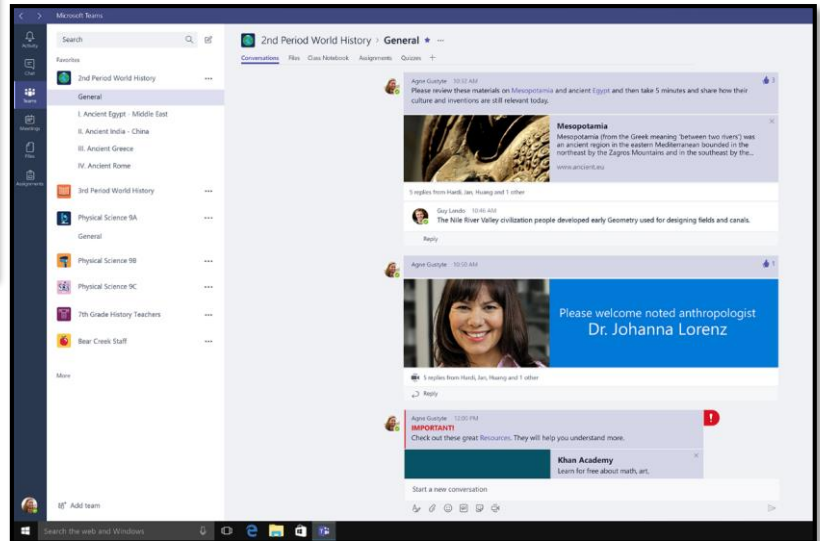
Desktop Apps
Windows or Mac



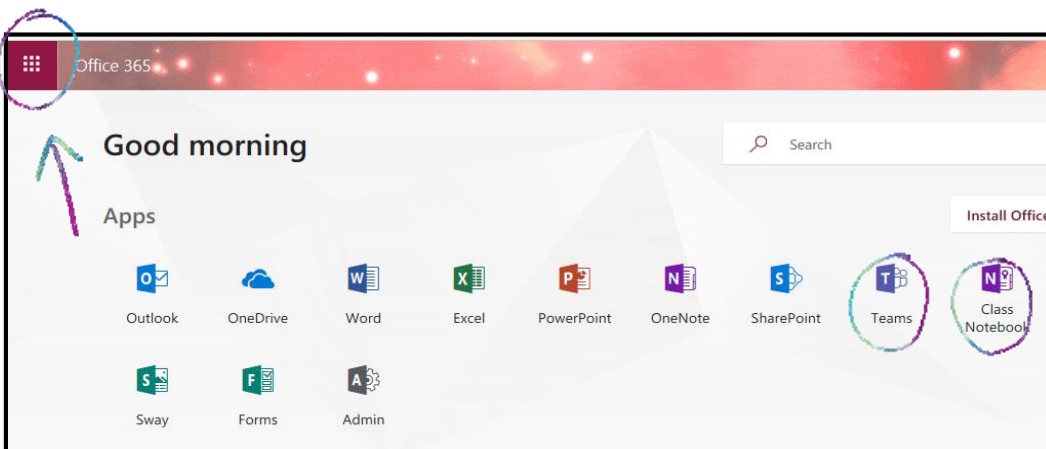
Mobile Apps
iOS, Android, Windows Phone



Browser App
Edge, Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome



More information and training resources can be found on the [TechTalk261 web site](#) or (for USD 261 employees logged in to 365), in the [Learning Services OneNote notebook](#).



To explore the Microsoft tools available for use in USD 261, log in to your 365-email account and click the apps grid.

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