



These are the chat questions and answers from the Google Meet on 4-2-20

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Q: Spring break is supposed to start in a week. Are we canceling it as we can't go anywhere anyway?

A: **Spring Break will go on as scheduled from April 10-17. (Last day of School is June 17, 2020)**

Q: Why are some students using Zoom, and others using Meets/Hangouts? Shouldn't we be consistent?

A: **Currently, we are OK with staff using methods with which they are comfortable. In specific cases parents and students should contact the individual teacher with questions about platforms.**

Q: Can we have more online classes on a daily basis?

A: **We continue to value flexibility and the unique situations each family is experiencing. We are continually working to make distance learning as effective and efficient as possible, while still providing flexibility. Teachers are now working to make sure that students have a balanced number of meets per day that do not overlap. We are allowing teachers to determine the number of online classes that are appropriate for the age of the student and instructional needs.**

Q: I have 3 kids, one in 4th, one in 2nd and one in kindergarten. My youngest in kindergarten is my hardest since I have to be much more hands on. Was wondering if maybe we could have a break down in time so I can try to follow somewhat of a "schedule" for her...so like reading is an hour, writing is 45 min and so on. I don't know, I am just trying to find different ways and would like to have some kind of guide to follow on how long a lesson should be?

A: **The best solution for this is to contact your child's teacher**

These four questions have the same answer

Q: My 7th grader mentioned that teachers are scheduling meets at the same times -- is there a way to stick more to their "schedules" -- any way to address scheduling issues?

Q: What if my kid has more than one meeting at the same time?

Q: Will meetings be scheduled so they are not overlapping?

Q: Yesterday my son had 3 meetings at the same time. If he has to participate in the classes how can he participate in all 3 at the same time?

A- As we prepare to enter our 4th week of distance learning, there will be a few changes at the middle school level. The Valleyview school day will operate between 9:00 AM-2:00 PM. This will allow every teacher to schedule at least one 30 minute Google Hangout during the week, with each class, without overlapping subjects. The Google Hangout time will be posted by each teacher in his or her Google Classroom. These Google Hangouts will provide live instruction, and an opportunity to connect with teachers and classmates. Attendance is highly suggested. For elementary schools, there should not be an overlap, but if you are experiencing an overlap, please contact your teacher.

Q: Who do we email with tech issues related to uploaded google docs? We can't see teacher comments or directions for some reason. My daughter's teacher isn't sure why.

A: For technology related questions please contact parentportal@denville.org

Q: Are expectations starting on the (April) 6th reasonable due to various inequities students have (multiple children at home with limited computers/working parents, limited home space, etc.?) Will there be penalizations if certain ones are missed due to the above concerns?

A: These Google Meets will provide live instruction, and an opportunity to connect with teachers and classmates. Attendance is highly suggested, but students will not be penalized if unable to attend.

Q: My middle schooler is often expected to post pictures of her projects and post them... yet she said the camera feature has been disabled on chrome books. How are they supposed to get pictures on their chromebooks if they cannot receive emails from external addresses?

A: The cameras are not disabled. Please email parentportal@denville.org to work with a technology team member. Also, if there is another device that she can sign in to, and add Google Drive app (phone, tablet), she can log in and add photos from that device to her drive. Please email for tech support.

Q: Will the lessons be recorded and added to the classroom so they can refer back to them for guidance?

A: Pre-recorded lessons are currently posted, and can be reviewed as many times as a student would like. Google Meets can also be recorded and posted for student review in Google Classroom.

Q: Are all classes going to be doing meetings everyday or is this just going to be as a teacher decides?

A: We are scheduling a Google Meet for the students with all of their teachers next week using a set schedule. The time will be posted in Google Classroom. After next week, the determination will be made to either run something similar weekly, or move to a specific schedule on certain days.

Q: What time will the school day go from when and until when they are doing google meets?

A: Next week Google Hangouts in the Middle School may run between 9 AM- 2 PM. Your child's teachers will post a schedule in his or her Google Classroom that does not conflict with other classes.

Q: Is there a way to view the classroom newest to older for our children's google classroom, even if the classroom isn't set up that way? (ie: Today would be first/up top while March 17th would be at the bottom). I wasn't sure if this was a setting we could choose to see their work instead of them scrolling down. Thank you!

A- The Google Classroom Stream is posted as current items first.

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Q: Are there notifications for a student to look at prior assignments if the teacher commented after completion or do they have to check all past assignments on their own?

Q: How do you set it up to receive notifications as elementary does not have email?

Q: Is there a way to get notifications for private comments for the students without going back to each assignment?

Q: Can notifications come through on a regular laptop computer?

A: For students with Chromebooks, through the Google Classroom App, you can go into settings and turn on notifications. For other devices, such as laptops and phones, you can download the Google Classroom App, go into settings and turn on notifications. As of now if you are using a chromebook or laptop, students are asked to go back and check for assignments. For parents and students who are interested in downloading the Google Classroom App, there is an option under settings to turn on notifications.

Q: Moving forward, for K-5, can materials be posted on KidsYouTube instead of YouTube?

A: We will look into this. Some of the videos that are shared are already published on YouTube and are not put on YouTube by Denville staff. We will have to look into what is required to have a Kids YouTube channel.

Q: Can the kids print from Google Classroom?

A: A student or parent can click on the assignment in Google Classroom. Once the assignment is open, you should be able to see the print button and print the document. You do not need to download the document. If you are on a chromebook, however, you will not be able to print.

Q: The school I teach at only has students in 3 classes a day, would this be something we might consider? It would make it easier for many reasons, especially if you have multiple students at home that need to access multiple Meets per day

A: We continue to value flexibility and the unique situations each family is experiencing. We are continually working to make distance learning as effective and efficient as possible, while still providing flexibility. Teachers are now working to make sure that students have a balanced number of meets per day that do not overlap.

Q: Should they be checking in by 9 or before 10?

A: Students must check in for attendance between 7 AM- 10 AM. Teachers will be posting assignments by 9 AM and some Google Hangouts may start at 9 AM. Please check your child's Google Classroom for any upcoming scheduled Hangouts.

Q: Is it mandatory to send work done from Kindergarten students?

A: Your teachers will be providing feedback to students regarding his or her work. Please consult your child's teacher if there is a question what assignments need to be submitted.

Q: What is the difference between a google meet and a google hangout

A: Google meet is now the area that teachers use to have larger group meetings with controls. Google made many changes to their offerings to help the educational community. Hangouts may still be used for individual meetings or basic phone calls.

Q: Is the district aware of the security issue reported by Zoom on their platform? And should this be used?

A: Yes we are aware of these concerns and are looking into security on all platforms. In Google Meet and Zoom the camera feature and microphone can be disabled or muted for privacy.

Q: I was sent an email yesterday from my 2nd graders teacher about google meet grid extension. It was a great feature for the kids to be able to see all of the students and teachers at the same time on a grid. Instead of just 3 or 4 people at a time. There was a youtube video on how to add it to chrome. Just figured it might be something everyone wants to add to chrome google meet.

A: This extension can be added to Chrome for all staff and students. There are step by step instructions for this in the youtube video at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BELS3jX2tmw>

The extension can be found here

<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/google-meet-grid-view/bjkegbqpfpgpikgkfidhchihfilbjgfic/related?hl=en-US> and added to your chrome browser

Q: Is it required to send in all work for a 1st grader or is this at the teacher's discretion? For Example- If you use a workbook instead of the online websites, you will need to take pictures or scans of the workbook in order to submit.

A: It is at the teachers' discretion, they usually ask for what they would like to see weekly. It is important to share work with teachers, so that they can provide feedback and monitor students' learning. The teacher will post what they would like students to share. If further clarification is needed contact the teacher.

Q: If our children are using their own home personal computers (instead of school issued Chromebooks), do they need cameras for their computers?

A: If they plan to communicate using a video they would need a camera. You can request additional chromebooks from the tech team by emailing parentportal@denville.org

Q: How can my daughter get emails from Google Classroom?

A: The district only provides email for students in grades 6 - 8, but she can communicate with the teacher through Google Classroom