



# ISTE Seal Review Findings Report

**Google  
Classroom**

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## ABOUT

### ABOUT ISTE

The International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) is home to a community of global educators and solution providers who are passionate about using technology to revolutionize learning. Our vision is to create a bold community where education innovators are supported in reimagining and redesigning learning with a focus on using technology to create transformational and equitable experiences for learners. We're making this vision a reality by delivering practical guidance, evidence-based professional learning, virtual networks, thought-provoking events and the ISTE Standards.

### ISTE SEAL

The ISTE Seal serves as a mark of high-quality product design for solutions that enable and guide high-quality learning. By choosing to demonstrate their commitment to supporting best practices for teaching and learning, these products show a purposeful and meaningful dedication to practical usability, digital pedagogical implementation, and the ISTE Standards. With a focus on user experience, product usability, and the most essential elements of instructional technology today, the ISTE Seal provides a set of criteria and simple indicators to guide educators, students, and technology directors toward the very best products on the market.

ISTE awards a seal only after an extensive analysis conducted by trained ISTE reviewers that ensures a product meets all critical elements under specific review criteria.



By earning an ISTE Seal, ISTE verifies that this product:

- Promotes critical technology skills.
- Supports the use of technology in appropriate ways.
- Incorporates digital pedagogy and the learning sciences.
- Addresses key elements of tech usability, user experience and user interface.
- Aligns to ISTE Standards in specific ways.



## RESOURCE DESCRIPTION

### **WHAT IS *Google Classroom*?**

Google Classroom is a learning management system (LMS) that helps educators create engaging, personalized learning experiences they can manage and measure. Classroom is part of Google Workspace for Education, which empowers educators with tools to secure the learning environment, enhance instructional impact, and prepare students for the future.

### **HOW IS *Google Classroom* IMPLEMENTED?**

Google Classroom is fully integrated with Google Workspace for Education, designed for K-12 and higher education. It is easy to implement and supports all delivery methods: physical, hybrid, and remote learning environments. Educators have access to more than 30 Google AI tools (at no cost) to help them go from idea to instruction faster and can enable AI learning experiences for students. The platform provides cost-effective tools and delivers data-driven insights to support differentiated and personal instruction.

## ISTE SEAL REVIEW

**Product:** Google Classroom

**Product Type:** Platform

**Organization:** Google

**Date of Award:** June 2026

### REVIEW METHODOLOGY

ISTE Seal reviews are conducted by a distinguished panel of experts in education, instruction, and technology. These experts utilize the most up-to-date data provided by the organization to conduct thorough evaluations of each solution. The evaluations focus on assessing the solution's performance in addressing specific elements outlined in the technical and pedagogical usability framework and the ISTE Standards.

To complete their rigorous evaluations, the reviewers utilize a comprehensive rating system, categorizing each solution as either "meets expectations" or "does not meet expectations." This assessment covers both the required and optional "Look Fors" outlined in the application. To ensure the validity and reliability of their results, the reviewers regularly engage in calibrations. Final review findings are then analyzed and combined, providing an overall score for alignment with each indicator.

At ISTE, we take great pride in our unwavering commitment to delivering results that schools and districts can have full confidence in. To be deemed education-ready learning solutions, products must meet the high standards in learning sciences, user experience and interface, accessibility, and content quality.



## SCOPE OF REVIEW

Google Classroom was reviewed against the technical, pedagogical usability framework and the ISTE Standards to determine whether **the solution is education-ready**. ISTE reviewers examined all evidence provided by the organization and interacted directly with the product.

## REVIEW FINDINGS

**ISTE STANDARDS:** The ISTE Standards provide the competencies for learning, teaching, and leading in the digital age, providing a comprehensive roadmap for the effective use of technology in schools worldwide. Grounded in learning science research and based on practitioner experience, the ISTE Standards ensure that using technology for learning can create high-impact, sustainable, scalable, and equitable learning experiences for all learners.

### Empowered Learner 1.1.c

Students use technology to seek feedback that informs and improves their practice and to demonstrate their learning in a variety of ways.

### Digital Citizen 1.2.b

Students demonstrate empathetic, inclusive interactions online and use technology to responsibly contribute to their communities.


### Knowledge Constructor 1.3.b

Students evaluate the accuracy, validity, bias, origin, and relevance of digital content.

**FEEDBACK**


**OUTCOME**



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students can seek and receive feedback through comment features within assignments and shared documents, and can demonstrate their learning through multiple submission formats.</li> <li>• The platform supports opportunities for students to practice empathetic and inclusive interactions through the class stream, collaborative tools, and comment features for peer communication.</li> <li>• Features such as discussions, group assignments, and collaborative activities enable students to engage in peer review and debate, fostering critical evaluation of digital content.</li> </ul>	
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**DIMENSION 1: USER INTERFACE AND AGENCY**


**Definition: The design of the product interface and user experience helps teachers quickly and reliably achieve instructional goals. This dimension includes features related to interface design, learnability, navigation, maximizing time on task, control over actions, and general usability.**

FEEDBACK	OUTCOME
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contextual on-screen tips and mini-tutorials guide teachers through core features with minimal setup, reducing the learning curve and supporting early success.</li> <li>• Persistent navigation menus with clearly labeled sections and breadcrumb trails allow users to easily</li> </ul>	




<p>understand where they are and return to previous locations without confusion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key actions such as creating assignments are prominently placed and consistently labeled, while less frequently used options are organized in dropdown menus to reduce visual clutter.</li> <li>• Topic-based organization within the Classwork page supports efficient browsing and content discovery.</li> <li>• Teachers can organize and reorder topics and assignments through drag-and-drop functionality, supporting flexible arrangement of content by unit, concept, or sequence.</li> <li>• Support resources, including an always-available help icon, a searchable Help Center, Help Community, and feedback options, are easy to locate and consistently accessible from within the platform.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>DIMENSION 2: LEARNING DESIGN</b></p> <p><b>Definition: The product has features that exhibit and promote design and customization of learning episodes in ways that align with research-based best practices, including those rooted in the learning sciences.</b></p>	
<p><b>FEEDBACK</b></p>	<p><b>OUTCOME</b></p>




<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning goals can be displayed alongside assignments, making outcomes visible as students engage with content.</li> <li>• Question and assignment features allow students to articulate their thinking, reflect on their learning, and monitor their progress over time.</li> <li>• Topics, assignments, and structured posts allow educators to organize content and present materials in a clear sequence.</li> <li>• The platform supports multiple content types, including documents, images, and video.</li> <li>• Related instructions, materials, due dates, and student work areas are available within the same assignment view, reducing the need to navigate away.</li> </ul>	
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### DIMENSION 3: DIGITAL PEDAGOGY

**Definition: The product is designed to support the development of digital age learning skills, capacities and knowledge. This dimension focuses on how technology can help students and teachers experience the best possible learning experiences, including the social and learning affordances that digital educational products uniquely offer.**

FEEDBACK	OUTCOME
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assignment and question features enable students to create original responses and meaningful engagement with real-world scenarios.</li> </ul>	



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integration with collaborative tools allows students to work together in real time, share work, provide peer feedback, and engage with teachers and classmates through comments and co-editing.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>DIMENSION 4: INCLUSIVITY</b></p> <p><b>Definition: The product helps teachers provide learning experiences that are relevant to students of many cultures, backgrounds, and abilities, and support learner motivation and agency in the learning process. The product meets current guidelines around accessibility, and supports a positive classroom culture.</b></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FEEDBACK</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OUTCOME</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrated media tools include closed captioning and playback speed controls.</li> <li>The interface supports high-contrast design elements and dark mode for improved usability.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>DIMENSION 5: ASSESSMENT AND DATA</b></p> <p><b>Definition: The product uses formative assessments – learning experiences that help make visible what students know and don’t yet know – to generate data that inform teachers about student knowledge and skill gaps, and provide students assessment feedback that is specific, actionable, and constructive. As such, it guides teachers’ instructional decisions and students’ learning journeys.</b></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FEEDBACK</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OUTCOME</b></p>



- Questions and assignments can be embedded throughout learning sequences, with learning goals posted alongside tasks.
- Teachers can choose from multiple assessment formats, including multiple-choice, short-response, drag-and-drop activities, and interactive questions embedded in video content.
- A clear submission process with confirmation allows students to submit work in multiple formats and view their submitted assignments.
- Teachers can provide personalized, timely written feedback through private comments directly on student work, supporting ongoing dialogue and actionable guidance for improvement.
- A centralized gradebook and learning goal analytics provide immediate access to student and class-level results, with configurable views to support monitoring and instructional decision-making.
- Analytics dashboards offer a clear overview of assignment completion, average grades, and student engagement, with filtering options by class, student, and time period.



## CONCLUSION

Google Classroom is a learning management platform that brings the full instructional cycle into one cohesive, integrated environment. The platform's clean interface, intuitive navigation, and onboarding support make it accessible for educators from the start, while its deep integration with Google Workspace for Education extends what teachers and students can do together across assignments, collaboration, communication, and assessment.

The platform's interface stands out for its consistent, well-labeled navigation and accessible support resources, and its strong interoperability with widely used school tools and systems reflects a clear commitment to fitting into existing educator workflows. Learning design features allow teachers to display goals alongside tasks, organize content into clear sequences, and deliver varied media types that reinforce key concepts for a range of learners. The platform also aligns to the ISTE Standards for Students by supporting opportunities for students to seek and receive feedback and engage in peer review.

Reviewers concluded that Google Classroom excels at giving educators the tools they need to manage instruction and monitor student progress with confidence. A centralized gradebook and configurable analytics dashboards give educators clear, immediate access to the data they need to inform instruction and support every learner — making this a well-rounded and educator-ready solution for today's classrooms.