

Create a Homeschool Google Classroom



Google Classroom is an excellent tool for keeping your homeschool assignments organized and hassle-free. With Google Classroom, you can create separate classes for all your subjects and grade levels. This makes it easy to track progress, know what's next, and consolidate resources - all for free. It's one secret to turning homeschooling into an organized, flexible, and collaborative experience.

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Step 1: Sign In to Google Account

- If you don't have a Google account, create one. You'll also need a Google account for each child.
- Go to [Google Classroom](#) and sign in with your Google account.

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Step 2: Create Classes

1. Once signed in, click on the '+' sign in the upper right corner to create a class.
2. Enter the class name and section. You'll want one class per grade level and subject - for example, Science 7, Math 7, English 7, Science 7, etc.
3. Click "Create."

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Step 3: Customize Class Settings

1. In the newly created class, click on the settings icon (gear) in the upper right corner.
2. Customize the class settings.
3. You can invite students by email if desired or share the class code with them.

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Step 4: Repeat Steps 2 and 3

- Create separate classes for each subject and grade level (e.g., Science 5, Math 5, etc.) following the same procedure.

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Step 5: Create Topics for Each Class

1. In each class, click on the "Classwork" tab on the top.
2. Create a topic for the first learning period (LPI Week 1) by clicking the "+ Create" button.
3. Name it "LPI Week 1" and click "Create."
4. Repeat this step to create 36 topics in each class, naming them accordingly (e.g., LPI Week 2, LPI Week 3, etc.).

Note: 36 weeks in an academic year = 6 learning periods (LP) with 6 weeks in each Learning Period:
6 LPs x 6 weeks = 36 weeks. This is one possible way to organize the topics, but you should create topics that make the most sense to you.

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Step 6: Organize Assignments

1. Select the class you're working on
2. Click on the "Classwork" tab
3. Click on "Create an Assignment"
4. Add instructions, due dates, attachments, and select a topic (this is the section the assignment will appear in).
5. You assign it right away or schedule it to be assigned at a later date.

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Step 7: Repeat for All Topics and Classes

- Repeat Step 6 for all 36 topics in each class, assigning the corresponding subject assignments to the correct week. This can be done all up front, each LP or each week depending on what works for your family.

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Step 8: Manage Students

- Share the unique class codes with your children so they can join the correct classes.
- Accept students' requests to join your classes.

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Step 9: Review and Adjust

- Regularly check the Google Classroom classes and respond to student work and questions.
- You can make adjustments to assignments and topics as needed throughout the academic year.

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Step 10: Continue for Each Grade Level

- Create separate classes and topics for each grade level following the same process (e.g., Science 5, Math 5, etc.).



Examples of How it Will Look

Class List

The screenshot shows a 'Classroom' interface with a grid of class cards. The cards are arranged in two rows and four columns. The top row contains cards for English 2, Math 2, Science 2, and History 2. The bottom row contains cards for English 5, Math 5, Science 5, and History 5. Each card displays the subject name, the school year (2023-24), and a list of assignments with their due dates. For example, the English 2 card lists 'Due Sunday ETC: Lesson 6', 'Time4Learning', and 'Handwriting'. The Math 5 card lists 'Due Sunday CTC: Weekly Revision Sheet' and 'CTC Math: Assigned Weekly Tasks'. The Science 5 card lists 'Due Sunday Generation Genius: #2', 'Generation Genius: #1', and 'Generation Genius: #3'. The History 5 card lists 'Due Sunday HQ: Unit 5'.

Topics in Each Class

The screenshot shows a 'Classroom' interface with a 'Classwork' tab selected. A '+ Create' button is visible at the top. Below it is a dropdown menu labeled 'All topics'. The main content area displays a list of topics. The first topic is 'LP2 Week 1', which includes three assignments: 'Generation Genius: #1' (Due Oct 1), 'Generation Genius: #2' (Due Oct 1), and 'Generation Genius: #3' (Due Oct 1). The second topic is 'LP2 Week 2', which includes two assignments: 'Generation Genius: #4' (Due Oct 8) and 'Generation Genius: #5' (Due Oct 8).

Assignments in Each Topic

The screenshot shows a detailed view of an assignment titled 'LP2 Week 2' and 'Generation Genius: #5'. The assignment is due on 'Due Oct 8'. It was posted on 'Posted Oct 2'. The assignment title is 'Take PDF Quiz'. To the right of the title, there are two large numbers: '0' under 'Turned in' and '1' under 'Assigned'. Below the title, there is a thumbnail image of a globe and the text 'Earth's Orbit & Rotation ...' followed by the URL 'https://www.generationgenius.c'. At the bottom, there is a link that says 'View instructions'.

TIPS

Add additional topics for school breaks. This is a good place to store school work that doesn't get completed on time without losing track of it. Kids can complete it during their break if needed.

Play around with how far in advance you like to plan. Planning far in advance can save you from planning during the school year but can make it more difficult to make changes as you go. Going week-by-week, gives you lots of flexibility, but will require that you make time to plan and assign work each week. Planning by learning period is a blend of these. Find what works for you.

Plan time to catch up. The life of a homeschooler is full of opportunities which can take time away from academic work. This might look like having a catch-up-day each week or planning a light week school work at the end of each learning period to catch up on missing assignments.

Attach any documents, files, or links to the assignment so everything is in one place.

Archive any classes you're not using. You can reuse them when your younger kids reach that grade level.

Make sure your kids know how to login to their classroom, understand how to find their assignments, and can submit completed work.

To save time, when you click the "Create" button, select "Reuse Post" to re-create a previous assignment. You can also assign work to various classes, by selecting the "For" drop-down menu on right-hand side of the assignment window.

