



Session 4: Parent University

Virtual Learning Platforms

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Flipgrid

Flipgrid is Microsoft's free video discussion platform for educators, learners and families. In Flipgrid, educators post discussion prompts and learners respond by sharing short videos. The simple and fun Flipgrid Camera allows students to showcase their creativity by adding filters, stickers, whiteboard and more, all within their educator's private class Grid.

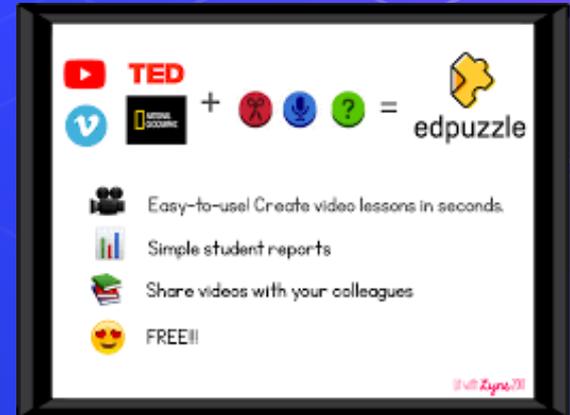
[Flipgrid Blog for Families](#)



Edpuzzle

With Edpuzzle, students can only watch the video lessons assigned by the teacher. In other words, the teacher will be the one filtering the content from YouTube so that students can only view educational content. Teachers embed their own questions in the video, and students will receive immediate feedback so they can see if they've understood the content or not.

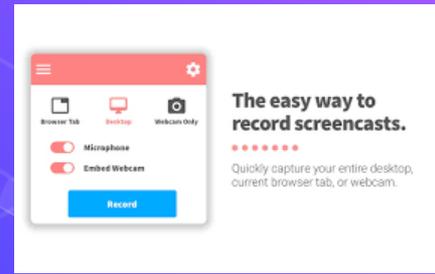
[Edpuzzle for Parents and Guardians](#)



ScreenCastify

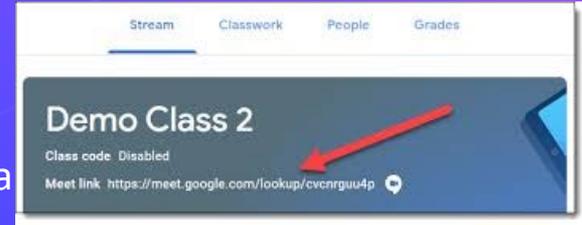
- ScreenCastify is a Google Chrome Extension: Teachers can record themselves to create a flipped classroom, explain difficult concepts, recap the day's main objectives, demonstrate an idea, or give students audio or video feedback on their work.
- They can communicate with parents, explaining procedures or bringing a personal touch to the traditional classroom newsletter.
- Students can use ScreenCastify to demonstrate what they've learned or how they solved a problem, give presentations, make and read ebooks, or practice reading aloud.

[ScreenCastify for Education](#)



Google Meet

- A Google Meet is a virtual meeting or class where all students and teachers are able to interact.
- Educators can create a unique Meet link for each class, which is displayed on the Classroom Stream and Classwork pages. The link acts as a dedicated meeting space for each class.
- The Meet links created by the Classroom integration are nicknamed meetings. For education users, participants can't rejoin nicknamed meetings once the final participant has left, unless they have meeting creation privileges to start a new meeting. This means if the instructor is the last person to leave a nicknamed meeting, students can't join again until an instructor restarts the nicknamed meeting.



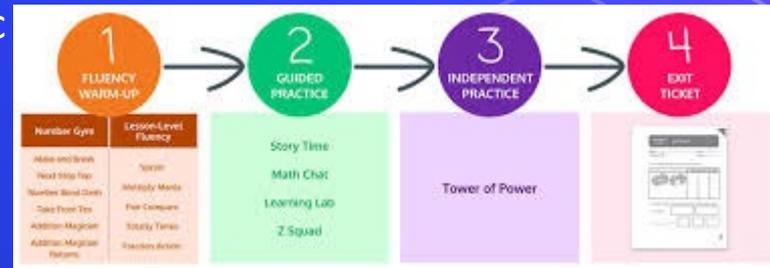
Kahoot! / Quizzizz / Quizlet

Kahoot!, Quizzizz, Quizlet, and other “gaming” platforms, engage students in an introduction to learning, review, and assessment. They are often used to help learners in a review of both skill and content! The built-in competition style of these online platforms make learning fun and exciting.



Zearn

- Zearn is an online math curriculum (coupled with live whole- and small-group instruction) for grades one through five, with supplemental skills practice activities for kindergartners.
- Students open up to a dashboard with tasks to be completed; these include a variety of fluency warm-ups that promote general number sense and lesson-specific skills, as well as guided practice with interactive video lessons that feature enthusiastic human teachers and school-age children



IXL

With IXL, your children will learn at their own pace—IXL's adaptive questions automatically adjust to just the right level of difficulty. A wide variety of question types keeps practice sessions fresh and enables all types of learners to reach their full potential.

- Diagnostic
- Practice
- Personalized Guidance
- Awards and Certificates

[Read more about IXL](#)



ClassDojo

ClassDojo is a school communication platform that teachers, students, and families use every day to build close-knit communities by sharing what's being learned in the classroom home through photos, videos, and messages.

Teachers use **Class Dojo** to keep parents up to date on student progress and **classroom** happenings.

[ClassDojo Resources for Parents](#)



Additional Platform Resources

The image shows a screenshot of a website's navigation menu and a section titled "STUDENT RESOURCES". The navigation menu is dark red with white text and includes: HOME, OUR DISTRICT, OUR SCHOOLS, ACADEMICS, BOARD OF EDUCATION, DEPARTMENTS, COMMUNITY, STAFF, and PARENTS. Below the navigation menu is a dark red button labeled "STUDENTS". The "STUDENT RESOURCES" section features six logos: "Summer READING High School Summer Reading List" (with a sun and palm tree), "Genesis" (with a stylized G), "i-Ready" (with a blue cube and orange character), "IXL" (with large blue and yellow letters), "WORLD BOOK ONLINE" (with a globe icon), and "Follett Destiny" (with a tree icon).

[Links to a variety of educational platforms can be found in the “student” section of our website](#)

Q&A

Q: Will the district be paying for premium subscriptions to Nearpod, Screencastify, EdPuzzle, etc to allow teachers to have the full benefits of these platforms?

A: The district has purchased a premium license for Screencastify. Some of the other platforms have been purchased for particular grades and schools.

Q&A

Q: How would you suggest that parents organize all the log in information for all of these different platforms and make it easy for young learners to log in independently?

A: The district uses its single sign on via Google whenever possible.

Q&A

Q: I hear a lot of Google Meet. Are we moving away from Zoom for virtual meetings?

A: The district supports Google Meet and Microsoft Teams. Teachers have a choice to use Zoom.