Professional Development Services for Google Workspace for Education

Learning Paths that Bring New Possibilities to the Education Ecosystem

Bring Out the Best in Your Educators

Turn Expectations into Reality with Professional Development through Connection

COVID-19 has changed the education landscape, and many teachers are experiencing the remote classroom for the first time. To help fill the gaps in communication and collaboration that have become apparent, many schools are adopting new technology and software at a very rapid rate. As a result, educators across the globe are struggling to balance their workloads while adopting new skillsets in ways that are not optimal. It's time to turn the tide.

In conjunction with EdTech Teacher, Connection's professional development services assist educators with integrating appropriate and meaningful tools to increase the effectiveness of both teaching and learning. Our courses are an allowable expense under the CARES Act and cover a wide variety of topics.

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Synchronous Classes and Course Organization

Zoom for Remote Learning

Explore the technical process, setup, and best practices of Zoom videoconferencing. We will also explore how to integrate Google Calendar and signups for individual students.

• 1 hour

Google Meet for Remote Learning

Explore how videoconferencing with Google Meet can be scheduled, managed, and archived. Google's powerful synchronous videoconferencing platform is tightly integrated into a school's Google Workplace for Education domain. This class helps educators increase their comfort level, practice, and process for leveraging this platform.

• 1 hour

Introduction to Google Classroom

Google Classroom is a learning space to organize and effectively manage digital course work. Learn how to create, maintain, and leverage Google Classroom as a means of streamlining workflow while also engaging students in authentic learning experiences.

• 1 hour

Digital Proficiency

Introduction to Google Workspace for Education

Google Workspace for Education includes a series of Google Apps that encourage communication, collaborative learning, information sharing, creative expression, student engagement, and community building. See the unique features and capacity for students to create and collaborate with Google Workpace tools including Drive, Docs, Slides, and Sheets.

• 1 hour

Google Workspace for Elementary

From recording reading fluency, to developing storytelling skills, to demonstrating problem solving, Google Workspace for Education can be used in a myriad of ways in the elementary classroom. Key topics addressed include reading and writing, visible thinking strategies, creating interactive learning experiences, portfolios and publishing, and collaborative projects.

• 1 hour

Google Drive 101

The session focuses on basics of creation, sharing, collaboration, organization and search within Google Drive.
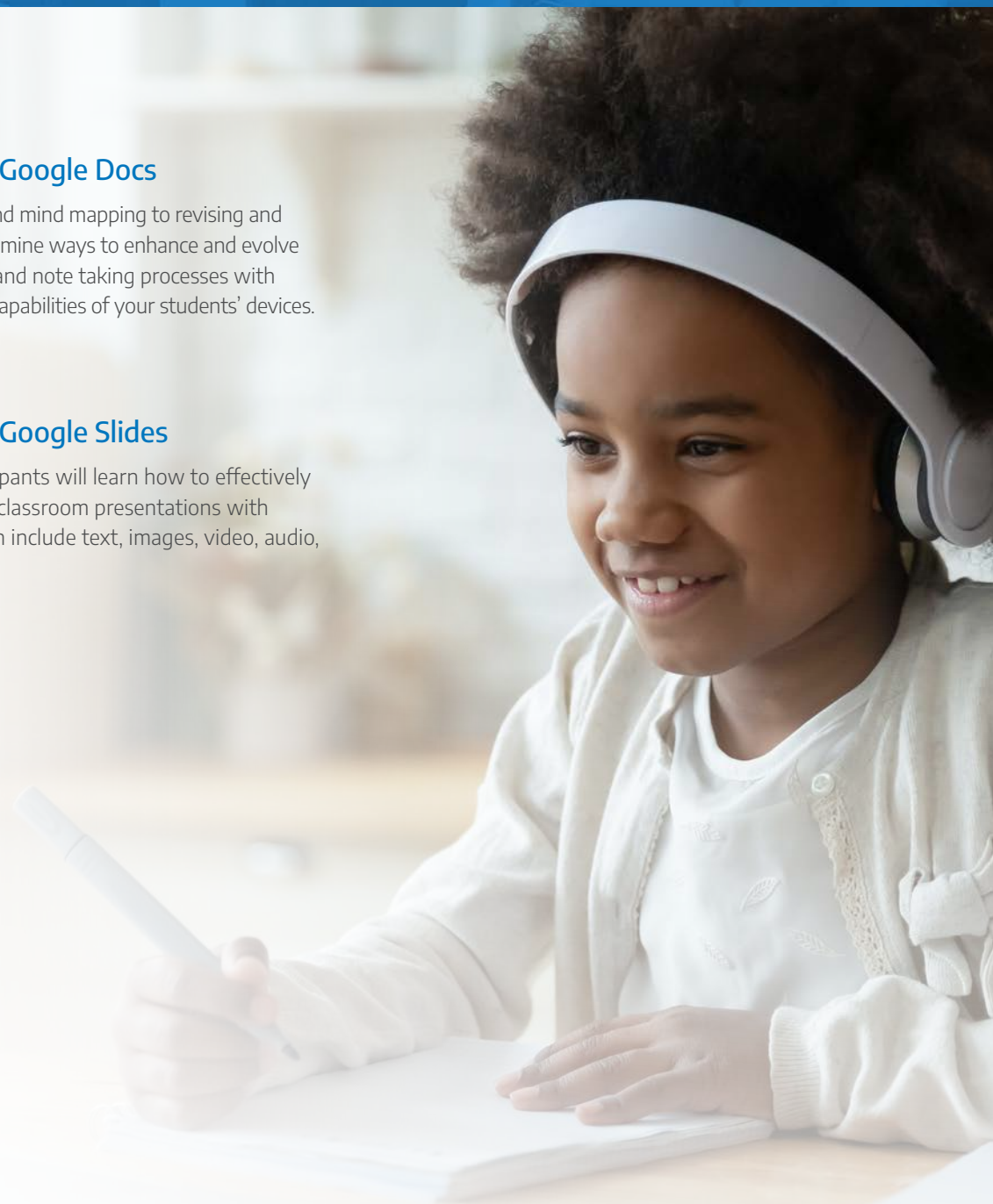
• 1 hour

Introduction to Google Docs

From brainstorming and mind mapping to revising and publishing, we will examine ways to enhance and evolve your existing writing and note taking processes with Google Docs and the capabilities of your students' devices.

• 1 hour

Introduction to Google Slides

In this session, participants will learn how to effectively and creatively create classroom presentations with Google Slides that can include text, images, video, audio, and hyperlinks.

• 1 hour

Digital Proficiency, cont'd

Introduction to Google Forms

Explore how Google Forms allows educators to create effective formative assessment tools to get timely and accurate insight into student learning.

• 1 hour

Introduction to Chromebooks

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Introduction to Screencasting

Through screencasting, students can engage in self-reflection, peer-editing, deeper learning, and much more! Teachers can also create screencasts for instruction or connection with parents, students, and colleagues by creating screencasts themselves. In this session, we will explore using screencasts for a variety of purposes.

• 1 hour

Creating a Class Web Page with Google

Creating a unified class hub of all information for students in a remote learning environment can be a very helpful resource to ensure students can access information efficiently. Google Sites is a powerful, streamlined, and intuitive website builder that integrates seamlessly with Google Drive. This virtual session focuses on the process of creating, updating, collaborating, and sharing a class hub or website via Google Sites.

• 1 hour

Leveraging and Creating Audio

Learn about creating, editing, and distributing audio to connect with students. Concepts including teacher created MP3 files posted on a class website or Google Classroom, collaborative audio discussion rooms, and teacher-created podcasts with distribution with be covered, explored, and explained.

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Introduction to Online Polls and Surveys

Online polls and surveys provide an opportunity to receive immediate information or feedback from students, colleagues, and parents alike. Online polls and surveys can be used for formal assessment or informal information gathering. Information gleaned from online polls and surveys could be used to improve instruction and course development, further professional development with colleagues, and strengthen relationships with parents.

• 1 hour

Asynchronous Instruction

Advanced Google Classroom

Further explore the use of Google Classroom and how to include video, audio, rubrics, and feedback.

• 1 hour

Digital Portfolios with Google Workspace for Education

This session explores the purpose, process, and setup of digital portfolios with Google Workspace for Education using tools available in Google Drive.

• 1 hour

Google Workspace and Organization

Google Drive is a power environment that requires attention paid to maintain productivity and organization. This session will focus on Drive, Google Calendar, Google Keep, and Google Tasks to maintain digital organization.

• 1 hour

Google Workspace for Education and Collaboration

Effectively managing and creating collaborative learning environments and workspaces requires thoughtful planning and organization. This session provides the required skill set to effectively collaborate in a digital environment.

• 1 hour

Google Workspace for Education and Communication

Through a combination of Google Classroom, Google Sites, Google Hangouts Meet, Google Forms, and Google Drive, teachers can enhance communication with their students and community. This session explores the potential for Google Workspace for Education to enhance classroom communication.

• 1 hour

Google Workspace for Education and Creativity

This session explores the ability for students to express and demonstrate their creativity through the core Google Workspace tools in combination with extensions and multimedia creation.

• 1 hour

Digital Notebooks with Slides

This class covers the unique and creative approach of leveraging Google Slides as a digital or interactive notebook.

• 1 hour

Leveraging Google Sheets

In this course we cover the ability for teachers to organize units, examine assessment data, and to help students use Google Sheets to organize research and group projects.

• 1 hour

Google Drawings

This session explores Google's visual and graphic creation tool that allows educators and students to craft and edit powerful visuals within Google Drive.

• 1 hour

Chrome Extensions and Add-ons

Discover some of the best Google Add-Ons and Chrome Extensions for productivity and creativity perfect for laptop, desktop, and Chromebook classrooms.

• 1 hour

Chromebooks 2.0: Unlocking Chromebooks as Multimedia Creation Devices

Chromebooks are an exceptionally powerful tool for student creativity. Explore screencasting, audio creation and editing, and video creation in this hands-on session.

• 1 hour

Assessment with Google Forms

Learn how to leverage Google Forms for formative and summative assessment, data collection, and quizzes.

• 1 hour

Asynchronous Instruction, cont'd

Google Applied Digital Skills

Learn about a free online curriculum created by Google that combines real life skills with Google Tools in self paced, video-based lessons that are perfect for remote or home learning. From creating if-then adventure stories, to researching and developing a topic, or managing a budget, this curriculum engages students in problem solving, critical thinking, and hands-on opportunities to develop skills and knowledge.

• Up to 3 hours

Frameworks

Google Workspace for Education and Assessment

Through a combination of Google Classroom, Classroom discussions, Google Hangouts Meet, and Chrome extensions and add-ons, we'll show you how to integrate powerful tools to effectively assess student learning.

• 1 hour

Pedagogical Frameworks

Note: Any Level 3 webinar over 1.5 hours will be split up into separate webinars.

PBL with Google Workspace for Education

Project-based learning is a powerful framework for today's students. In this session, we cover how to pair Google Drive and Google Workspace for Education with today's PBL classroom.

• Up to 6 hours

Google Workspace for Education and UDL

In this class, participants will learn multiple ways in which designing and delivering curriculum can meet student variability in their classrooms.

• Up to 6 hours
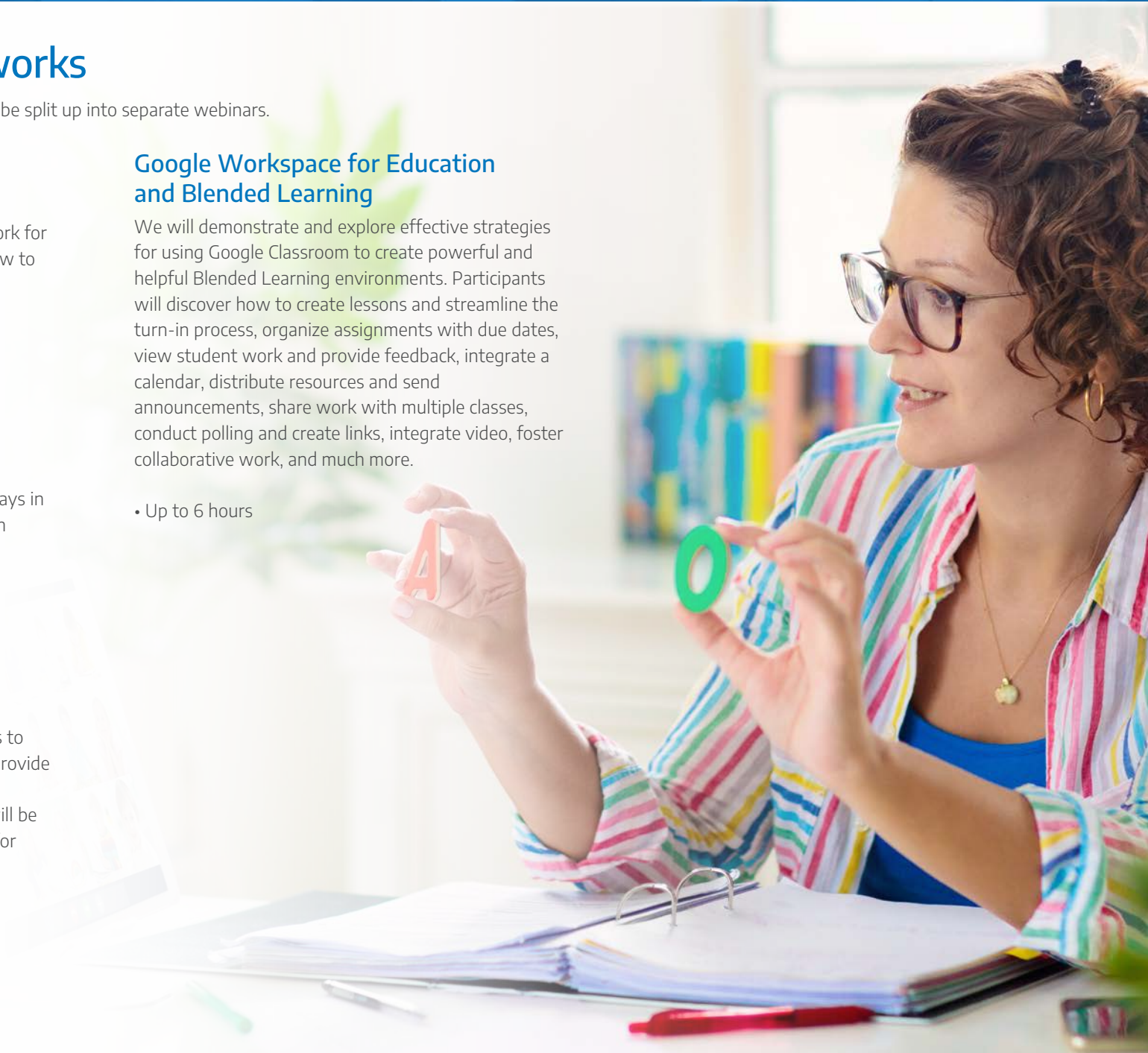
Google Workspace for Education and ELL

This session explores the ability for educators to use Google Workspace and Google Drive to provide meaningful instruction to English Language Learners. Further, Google Workspace tools will be explored as a means to create opportunities for student voice in the classroom.

• Up to 6 hours

Google Workspace for Education and Blended Learning

We will demonstrate and explore effective strategies for using Google Classroom to create powerful and helpful Blended Learning environments. Participants will discover how to create lessons and streamline the turn-in process, organize assignments with due dates, view student work and provide feedback, integrate a calendar, distribute resources and send announcements, share work with multiple classes, conduct polling and create links, integrate video, foster collaborative work, and much more.

• Up to 6 hours

Google Certification

Google Certification: Level 1
Google Certification: Level 2

If you're an educator who knows how to use Google tools in the classroom, these Level 1 and 2 courses provided the opportunity for official certification. You will also learn how to master the Google products and skills specific to these certifications.

• Up to 6 hours each

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