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What are Google Apps for Education?

Google Apps for Education offers a free set of customizable tools that allows faculty, staff and students to work together.

- Communication Includes hosted email, shared calendars and chat.
- Collaboration Google Docs and Google Sites allows student and teachers to share documents online, at any time from any location.
- Customization allow IT systems to integrate with Google Apps while keeping the school's domain safe and secure.

Mail:

- Each staff member and student (4-12) has a custom email address
- 7 GB of storage

Calendar

- Online shareable calendar
- Organize schedules
- Share events, meetings and entire calendars with others
- Search for events from within your calendar
- Publish calendars and events on the web

Documents

- Word Processing
- Spreadsheets
- Presentations
- Forms
- Drawings

Sites

Video

You can access all the Google Apps products – Mail, Calendar, Docs, Sites, Video – from any of the product pages.

In the top left corner of any product, you will see a list of links that will take you directly to the product for your school.



Google Apps Quick Start Guide



Log in and start using your email, calendar, and chat features now

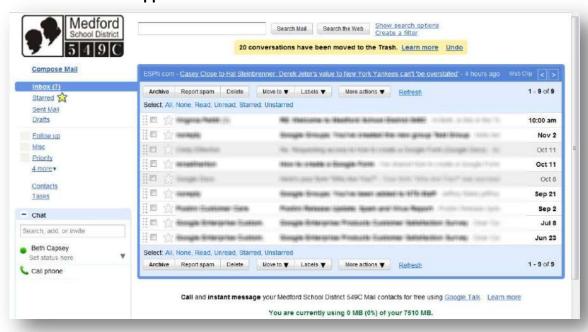
Once you are logged into your msd549c.org account you can click on the link menu at the top of the screen to access any of the programs in Google Apps.

Gmail

Log in to Gmail

- 1. Go to your Google Apps Mail page: http://mail.msd549c.org
- 2. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate your account.

Your Gmail Inbox appears.



Compose Mail – opens a new message window

Inbox – show your conversations (the number in parentheses indicates how many unread conversations you have.)

Starred – shows only messages you have marked with a star (use stars to mean whatever you'd like).

Chats – lists your archived Chat conversations

Sent Mail – show messages you have sent

Drafts – stores messages you have started and saved to work on later.

Spam – is where we send the messages we think are suspicious

Trash – is where message you delete end up; you can empty the trash whenever you feel like it.

Custom labels – are used to categorize and identify message you receive. The number of in parenthesis indicates unread conversations, the color next to the label name indicates the color assigned to the label.

Contacts – lists the email addresses of people you have corresponded with; you can add more details as you want

Tasks – lets you enter and track to-do lists.

Google Calendar

Open Your Calendar

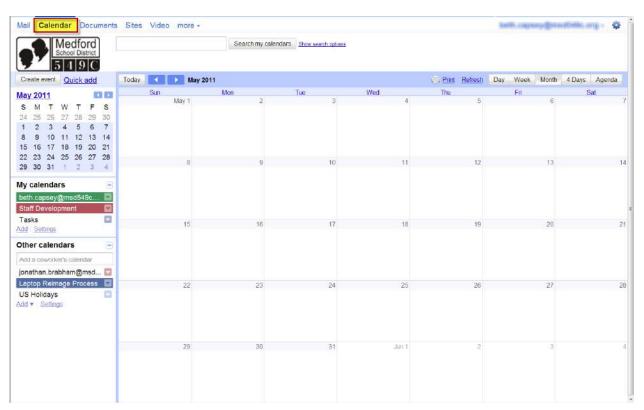
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To open your calendar: Click the **Calendar** link at the top of your Mail window:

If this is the first time you've opened your calendar, you'll be asked to set your time zone.

Your calendar opens in a new window.



You can also get to your calendar via a URL: http://calendar.google.com/a/msd549c.org

Google Docs

Google Docs offers word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, forms and drawings. These provide an easy-to-use, integrated way for teachers and students to work together on projects, reports and more, and to collect and share information in a secure online environment. Built-in tools like autosave and revision history, comments and an equation editor are useful for students and teachers.

Some of the advantages of using Google Docs include:

Anytime, anywhere accessWeb-based Google Docs safely stores documents online, makes

them accessible to authorized users from any computer or mobile

device. No need to save files to a USB thumb drive, you can

always access your files from any internet browser.

Collaboration support Google Docs lets users easily invite others to work on the same

document, at the same time, without the hassle of attaching and sending documents. Sharing privileges ensure access by only the right people or groups, and allow either editing or read-only

access.

Autosave and revision history Continuous autosave ensures that current work stays sage,

preserving ongoing drafts and edits. A complete revision history makes it easy to review, compare, or revert to a prior version at

any point.

Shared Folders Files and docs that are regularly used by teams or groups stay

organized and up-to-date – without the need to manage and

communicate changes.

Templates Ready-made templates covering a wide range of document and

report types help jump-start writing projects. You can also create

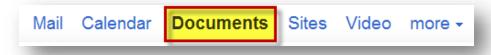
and publish your own document templates to establish

assignment structures for your students. Templates can be copied

with one click and then modified like any other document.

You can access Google Docs from any of your school Google Apps product pages.

- 1. In the top left corner of any product main page, you will see a list of links.
- 2. Click Documents.



In addition to the links at the top left of any Google Apps page, you can also access Google Docs through the district URL:

Type: https://docs.google.com/a/msd549c.org into your browser address bar.

Spreadsheets

Spreadsheets in Google Docs allows teachers and students to easily aggregate, organize, and analyze information in one place. With advanced tools for sorting, formatting, creating charts, visualizing information with gadgets, and entering formulas, shared, online spreadsheets can be used in a variety of settings.

Some examples of how teachers can use online spreadsheets:

- Store a database of contact information for students and parents
- Use a word cloud gadget to visualize written responses

Some examples of how students can use online spreadsheets:

- Collect data from across the web for research.
- Create interactive flashcards with a spreadsheet gadget
- Format a weekly class schedule

Presentations

Developing your slide presentations online in Google Docs makes it easy to share and work concurrently on slides with others. With the ability to add drawings, images, and video, you can use presentations for a variety of projects.

Some examples of how teachers can use online presentations:

- Showcase student work on a class website with embedded presentations
- Create templates that outline specific topics for student presentations
- Publish "how-to" presentations with screenshots and videos
- Design certificates to print or to send virtually

Some examples of how students can use online presentations:

- Create a slideshow with pictures for a class project
- Collaborate easily for group presentations
- Storyboard videos, comic strips, written assignments

Forms

With Google Docs, you can quickly create a form or survey, send it to students, parents, teachers, or staff, and keep track of the answers in one spreadsheet.

Since forms are filled out online, there's no need to enter in results manually. Responses are collected and displayed immediately in a corresponding Google Docs spreadsheet which allows you to sort, analyze, and visualize the information.

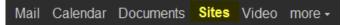
You can send forms to anyone - even those outside of your school Apps domain. Respondents can access the form via email, a published webpage, or embedded on a site.

Forms also generates an automatic summary with charts, graphs, and statistics about your form responses and can notify you when new responses are submitted.

Sites

You can access Google Sites from any of your school Google Apps product pages.

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- 2. Click Sites.



You can also access Google sites from:

http://sites.msd549c.org

Browse Google Sites

msd549c.org.

When you see the district's Google Sites page, you will see a list of your sites on our district's domain. These are sites that you own or have been given access to.



You can also browse all the sites created on our school's domain by scrolling to the bottom of the list and click Browse sites within

From here you will see a list of categories. Categories are added to sites by site owners. You can click on a category to view sites that have been tagged with that category.

Categories allow you to group related sites and make them accessible together within the popular categories list. Categories are deemed popular when they contain more than five sites.

You can click on any of the categories on the left side to view more lists of sites.





If You Need Additional Help

http://edutraining.googleapps.com/

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Google Apps Education Training Center

Welcome to the Google Apps Education Training Center. This is an online learning environment dedicated for educators and students to learn how to effectively use Google Apps in an educational context.

Access to a Google Apps Education account is strongly recommended so that you can experiment and apply what you learn.



Plan your course

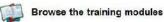
There are six modules of training content available. Each module has several chapters with many lessons.

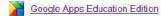
After reviewing the entire training course, an individual will have a solid understanding of all the products in the Google Apps suite. Learning objectives include:

- Customize Google Apps for your school
- Organize your email more effectively
- Create shared calendars for your school
- Collaborate with others, online, on documents, presentations, and spreadsheets
- Deliver and collect surveys, quizzes, and feedback
 Develop a media-rich website without looking at code
- · Set-up an internal video portal just for your school

You can read through the entire course at your own pace.

Each chapter will take from 10 to 20 minutes to complete. Browse the modules on the right to see a list of chapters for each topic.















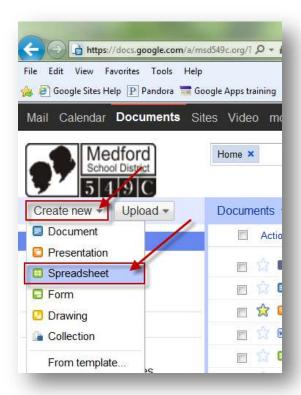
•	Task
	Create a Google Doc for a lesson plan, share it with other teachers.
	Take notes for your next grade-level or administrative meeting in Google Docs and share with all attendees.
	Try translating a document in Google Docs to give to non-English speaking parents.
	Use revision history in Google Docs to monitor the activity or progress on an assignment.
	Invite a guest lecturer into your class through video chat.
	Give your next multiple choice quiz using forms in Google Docs. Quickly analyze and summarize data with the "Summary" feature.
	Create a parent volunteer survey with forms in Google Docs to collect contact and availability information.
	Set-up a spreadsheet in Google Docs with timing and availability for parents to sign-up for parent-teacher conferences.
	Create a grade level folder in Google Docs that is shared with your team so anyone can add and utilize your classroom files.
	Create a site for your classroom with embedded Docs, Calendars, Forms, and gadgets.

Extra Credit

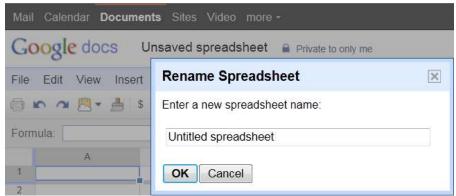
~	Task
	Create a class activity or homework calendar that students and parents can view and subscribe and can be embedded on a class site.
	Set-up classroom or administrative tasks and group into lists using the Tasks feature in calendar or Gmail.
	Enable the translation feature in Gmail so you can translate any messages from parents or students sent in a different language.
	Start a new site in Google Sites that can be a template for a student eportfolio to showcase student work and progress throughout the year.
	Use spreadsheets to track homework or behavior logs and share with parents.
	Set-up a form for collecting teacher observation data and analyze in accompanying spreadsheet.
	Set-up a resource calendar for a laptop cart (or a projector, library room, auditorium)
	Create a student-driven vocabulary flashcard center using spreadsheets and gadgets.
	Set-up pen pals with students in another country and use Gmail translation tool (extra credit - set up a video chat!)
	Upload long term and unit plans into Google Calendar to map standards. (extra credit - attach Google Docs to the calendar events related to the unit plans)

Gadgets in Google Docs Spreadsheets

You will use the spreadsheet to input the terms and definitions in two columns. Create a new spreadsheet on your Google Docs site.

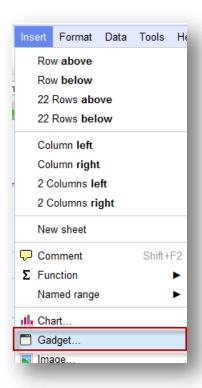


Click on Unsaved Spreadsheet right next to the Google Docs logo and give the spreadsheet a descriptive name.

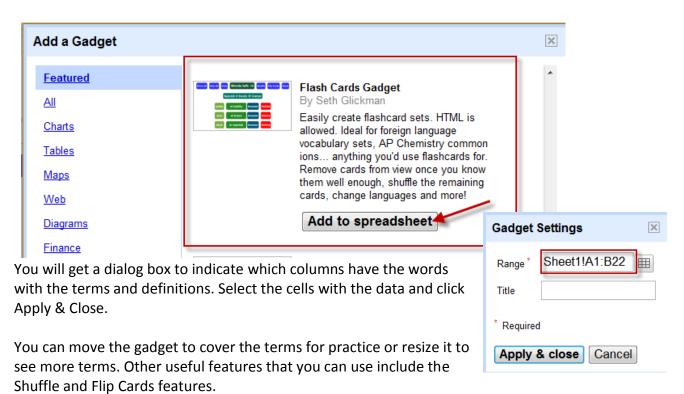


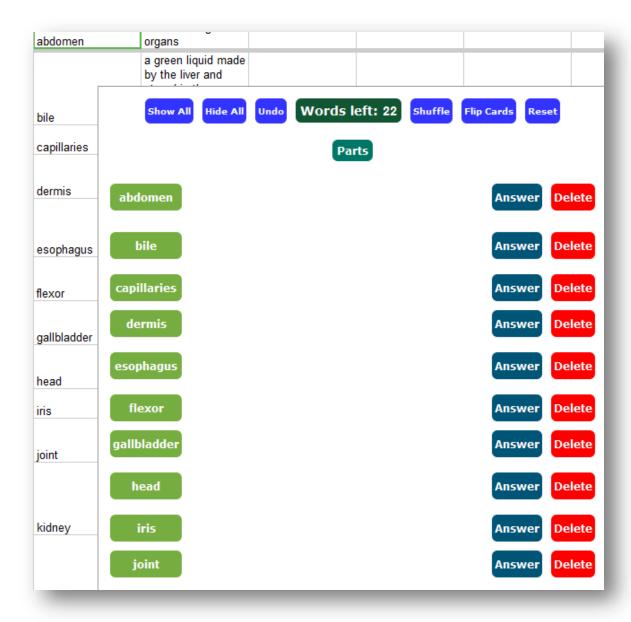
Now type all or the terms in one column (column A), and the definitions in the next column (column B).

Click the Insert menu and select Gadget.



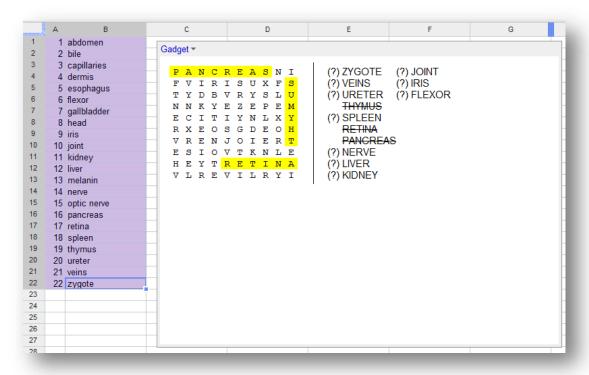
On the Featured tab, scroll down to the, Flash Cards Gadget by Seth Glickman, and click on Add to spreadsheet.



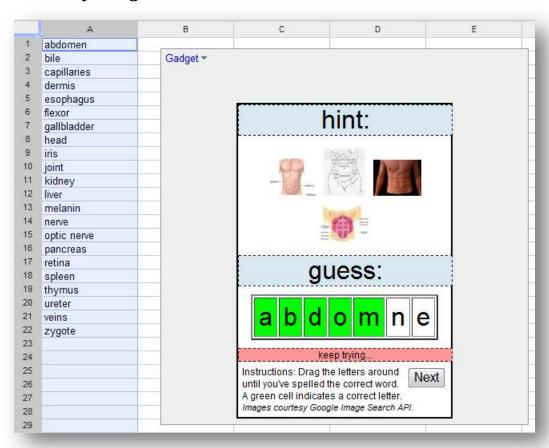


Now you will see a somewhat primitive but still very intuitive and useful gadget with terms.

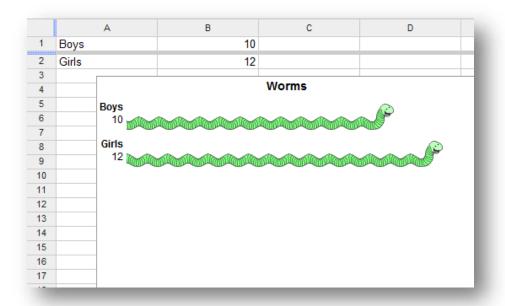
Word Search Gadget

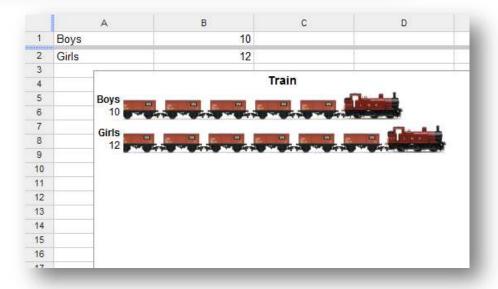


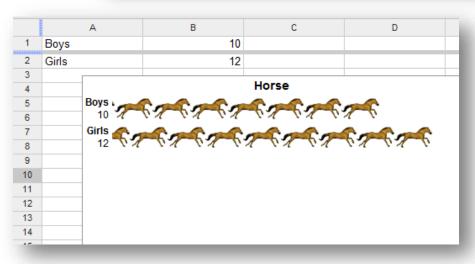
Word Study Gadget



Bars of Stuff

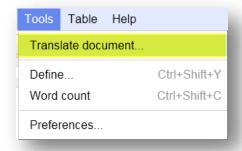




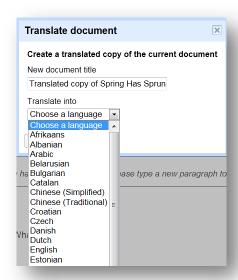


English Translation

With Google Docs, you can translate an entire document into one of 53 languages. Simply click the Tools menu, and select Translate document.



You will see this window:



Select the language you want to translate the document into and press OK. By doing this, you will create a copy of your original document with the translated text.

NOTE: Google Docs translates the document using Google Translate.

Google Sites to Check Out...

www.agoogleaday.com

www.googleguide.com

www.google.com/education

www.google.com/educators

https://sites.google.com/a/googleapps.com/k12-guide-to-going-google/pd

http://www.khanacademy.org/