

Welcome to Schoology 101!



Today's Goals:

1. To introduce you to an online learning system that can enhance student learning through collaboration, creativity, and communication
2. To identify the role of a blended classroom in the future of education
3. To work smarter, not harder!

Let's get started!

1. Log into the computer and find the Schoology icon on the desktop or go to <http://www.schoology.com>.
2. Follow the onscreen prompts to create an account as a teacher.
3. Join a class using the following codes:

Session 1:	Access Code FH7T9-H8MN6
Session 2:	Access Code 4QQCT-ZR2JQ
Session 3:	Access Code K56W4-5Z4M9

4. Work through the first unit and post to the discussion: "What do you See?"
5. As we work through this course, reflect on how a learning management system might help you in your daily teaching/administration.

10 Reasons to Use Schoology



1. **Differentiate instruction for EVERY student.**
 - a. Post extra videos and resources in your course
 - b. Assign these videos to specific students or groups of students
 - c. Pair students into groups to mentor/tutor
2. **Easy access to classroom materials from home**
 - a. Students can review classroom materials anytime
 - b. Students can see what was missed on any given day
 - c. Analytics- see who is viewing materials from home or school
3. **Integrate materials from all of your resources**
 - a. All Google drive materials can be added to your Schoology account
 - b. Twitter, Facebook, calendars can all be updated and synced
 - c. Work toward a paperless classroom
4. **Online quizzes/assignments**
 - a. No papers to carry around
 - b. Use a variety of question formats (and grade per question for only those questions that require a teacher eye)
 - c. Ability to leave quick easy feedback through rubrics and voice notes
 - d. Students can post videos, text, presentations and more to share with teachers and peers
5. **Classroom Discussions**
 - a. Assign an external class discussion- forces students to have conversation with peers by responding thoughtfully in a class discussion
 - b. Gives higher grade levels experience with online interaction- which will be required as college students
6. **Independent learning**
 - a. Greater ownership in learning gives students pride in their work and prepares them for the next step in life
 - b. Gateway features- forces students to work through a unit or page before moving on to an assessment or the next unit
 - c. Assignments can be dated to open/close
7. **Communication with Students and Parents**
 - a. Student reminders
 - b. Calendar (Google can be uploaded and synched through Schoology)
 - c. Parents can take a peek into the classroom on a restricted view- which allows them to see content, but not the grade book
8. **It's Easy - There's an APP for that**
 - a. Students and parents can download an APP for easy access to all classroom materials
 - b. Schoology is user friendly with an interface that is easy to understand
 - c. Materials can be used year after year – everything is housed
9. **Professional Resources**
 - a. Find instant resources for teaching and learning
 - b. Connect your classroom with other classrooms throughout the world
10. **It's free!**