

Technology Platforms to Support Distance Learning

At School of the Nations, we already make use of many tools and platforms to better serve our students and community. Any tool that teachers and students already use in their classrooms successfully continue to be used. We have worked on a basic set of tools that allow teachers and students to carry on with their teaching and learning effectively while maintaining our expectations of balancing the amount of screen time students will have and the necessary off-screen time. It is important to keep this balance in mind. Even though we use a lot of technology in our schools, students and teachers do not spend all their time in school in front of a computer screen. Distance learning will increase the amount of screen time for obvious reasons, but we have made a point to build our plan to ensure our students will also have a balance of on- and off-screen time. Below are the forms of communication, tools, and platforms you can expect to use during our Distance Learning Plan.

Tool	Purpose / Usage
Email	Email will be used for all major communications and announcements, including those from the Executive Director and Section Principals.
School Website	School of the Nations will communicate general information on its closure status to the public at https://www.schoolofthenations.com.br .
Google Classroom / Schoology	This is where teachers will post their assignments and tasks. These tools are extensively used regularly in our teaching. Students must check the platform used by their teachers daily.
Google Drive	This is one of the features of G-Suite. It is where students and teachers can store, organize, and share documents, videos, presentations, and other items.
Google Docs	This is a word processor from G-Suite that allows both individual and collaborative work.
Google Slides	This is a presentation tool from G-Suite that allows both individual and collaborative work.
Google Sheets	This is a spreadsheet tool from G-Suite that allows both individual and collaborative work.
Google Hangouts	This is a modified version of Meet. It allows quick communication and is better if used for small groups rather than whole-class collaboration.

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Google Meet	This allows for synchronous collaboration among all students of a group. Teachers use this to interact with students in a classroom-like setting.
Google Calendar	This is the calendar tool from G-Suite that allows for meetings to be scheduled, including video conferences. Teachers also use this tool to open their appointment slots to make themselves available to talk to students and work on any difficulties they might have. Used by some sections.
PowerSchool / PowerTeacher	Parents and students will continue to access assignments and grading information using this platform. It will continue to be the central platform for managing and accessing student information, including attendance, class schedules, assignments, and grading for both teachers and administrators.
Youtube Live	This allows teachers to go online on YouTube and communicate live with their students. Teachers use it as an introductory message to students. Students can join live or watch the recording later.
Instagram	Mainly used at our Early Childhood campus. Teachers are using the classroom's group Instagram accounts to communicate with parents and students. The School's Instagram account is also being used to share information, including live sessions with updates.
Class Websites	Mainly used at our Early Childhood campus. Each grade level has their individual website to publish news, activities, and any other relevant information.