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Setting Up Your Virtual Classroom

Setting up your virtual classroom on Zoom should be done before the school year/virtual learning begins. For some of you your school may have a great IT department who can support you and your tech needs for others all of the tech “stuff” falls on the individual teacher. I have put together some resources that can help support your Zoom virtual learning space set up:

- [General Tips and Tricks for Teachers](#)
- [Securing Your Zoom Classroom](#)
- [Adjusting Whiteboard Settings](#)
- [Setting up Breakout Rooms](#)
 - [Video tutorial](#)
- [Managing Breakout Rooms](#)

Additionally, when you visit Zoom's website there is a resource tab on the top right of the webpage. If you hover over this tab, you will notice that Zoom offers a variety of support options for its users. Under the resource tab you have access to articles about different Zoom features, video tutorials, as well as access to live training sessions and webinars. If you ever need any help the Zoom support center is always available for its users.

For those of you who are not using Zoom for your virtual learning space there are other ways to connect with your students synchronously or asynchronously through other applications and websites. I know that there are some schools have used Google Meet as their virtual learning platform. Here is a [link](#) to Google Meet resources for setting up your Google Meet virtual space.

No matter if you have all the support or if you are the support, your virtual space is your own. Take ownership of it and become comfortable with the tools available to you. Use the next few weeks before school begins to play around and practice using the features you are planning to use with your students in the fall. Invite family and friends to be your model students as you explore the platform. Remember that apps and websites, including Zoom, are always updating and adding new features. Make sure to continue to look for these updates and subscribe to e-newsletters to be in the know.

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