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What is Connected Classrooms?

Connected Classrooms is a new program on Google+ that makes it easier for teachers to connect their students with virtual learning opportunities on Google+.

How do I take part in Connected Classrooms?

By joining the Connected Classrooms G+ Community, you will be connected with other teachers and educational organizations to participate and launch your own virtual field trips.

What is a Hangout On Air?

Hangouts On Air are live video conferences with up to 10 participant screens that are broadcasted on Google+, recorded onto YouTube, and are fully embeddable on external websites.

What is a Virtual Field Trip?

Virtual Field Trips use Hangouts On Air to connect classrooms with unique learning experiences provided by a variety of educational partners on Google+

- [Virtual Field Trip Video](#)
- [Zoo Atlanta Virtual Field Trip case study](#)

For Connected Classrooms, virtual field trips can mean all kinds of learning experiences provided via Hangout On Air. They could take the form of a virtual tour of a facility, a conversation with an expert, a show-and-tell session with museum artifacts or a collaborative activity with another classroom across the globe.

How do I watch a Hangout On Air?

Explore the site by subject areas and date for past and upcoming field trips.

- For **past field trips**, you can watch the Hangout on Air from the G+ Event page.
- For **upcoming field trips**, you can RSVP to get notified when the field trip goes live. At the start time of the event, you can tune-in to live Hangouts on the the field trip's Google+ event page, which will always be linked from the Connected Classrooms website.

What do my students do while watching a live Hangout On Air?

Interactivity varies by virtual field trip, but many will include activities for students and Q&A portions where students can pose questions to the live participants.

How do I sign up my class to be a live participant in a Hangout On Air virtual field

trip

To get started, join the Connected Classrooms Community, where partners will announce upcoming field trips. Partners will select 1-4 classrooms to join the Hangout On Air event as live participants*.

*Note: we anticipate a lot of demand for these field trips so please be patient. We'll try to bring more opportunities to your students but also encourage teachers to launch their own field trip or classroom exchange. Post your field trip idea to the Community and you'll be surprised by the interest from others.

What do I need in my classroom to participate?

- Google+ account
- Reliable high speed internet connection
- Projection system to display the Hangout On Air for students
- Webcam & Microphone
- Permission from parents for students under 13

Where can I get other questions answered in preparation for an upcoming virtual field trip?

The Google+ team will be hosting regular office hours for the Community. We are here to guide you through the process. You can also post in the [Connected Classrooms Google+ Community](#) to get questions answered.