

# Introducing Seesaw and Schoology:

## CMSD's Remote Learning Platforms for PreK-12

CMSD has implemented two age-appropriate and device-appropriate remote learning systems for students in grades PreK-12. Compare and explore *Seesaw* and *Schoology* here.

	AREA OF COMPARISON	
<p><i>Seesaw</i> is the online platform that provides a simple way for our youngest learners in grades PreK-3 to sign on for remote learning, to access their teacher and lessons, and find a place to create, submit and share learning with their class, their teacher and their parents. As students progress into third grade, skills developed in <i>Seesaw</i> enable a smooth transition to the <i>Schoology</i> site that engages students in more robust learning resources for grades K-12.</p>	<p><b>PURPOSE</b></p> 	<p><i>Schoology</i> is the digital classroom CMSD uses for Grades K-12 to enable students to access class resources, lesson content and a place to complete or submit their assignments. The platform also allows teachers to facilitate and engage students in personal and complex learning activities and provide guidance and feedback on items scored in <i>Schoology</i>.</p>
<p>Used primarily with students in Early Childhood through Grade 3.</p> <p>However, schools may support students in Grades 4 and 5 with activities from <i>Seesaw</i>.</p> <p><i>Seesaw</i> is not recommended after Grade 5.</p>	<p><b>STUDENTS</b></p> 	<p>Used with students in grades K-12 to manage all remote learning content.</p>
<p><i>Seesaw</i> can be accessed from any device, but is used best with students in grades PreK-3 with devices that have touch screens rather than keyboards.</p>	<p><b>DEVICE</b></p> 	<p><i>Schoology</i> works best on a computer or laptop as its enhanced functionality works best with a keyboard.</p>

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Parents can receive Seesaw updates and notifications via smartphone, tablet app or online website.	<b>PARENT ACCESS</b> 	Parents can set up an account and receive a daily or weekly <i>Schoolology</i> summary email of grades, upcoming dates and recent activity. Parents can also see course resources, assignments, tests, grades and feedback on the <i>Schoolology</i> site.
Feedback is limited but not entirely private on <i>Seesaw</i> . While parents can see only their child's work, the child will be able to see other students' work and feedback.	<b>PRIVACY</b> 	In <i>Schoolology</i> , feedback is detailed and private. Parents are only able to see their own child's work.
Grades are not posted in <i>Seesaw</i> . Feedback is limited due to the public nature of the posts.	<b>GRADES</b> 	The gradebook shows student scores and detailed feedback for items scored in <i>Schoolology</i> , but the official course grade is posted in eSchool.

- Students will use their digital badge or username and password already in use at school to log into their *Clever* Learning Portal
- Parents were provided *Clever* login instructions in March 2020 to access enrichment materials during spring and summer recess. All parents will be receiving guidance on how to sign-up for a *Clever* username and password, if needed, via an email invitation with instructions and a link to create a *Clever* account.
- Parents should provide or update their email address on file at their child's school to enable updates on remote learning and access to the learning portal.
- For *Clever* login assistance, email [CMSD.Integration@ClevelandMetroSchools.org](mailto:CMSD.Integration@ClevelandMetroSchools.org)

**View Seesaw and Schoolology tutorials below:**

A Day in the Life of a CMSD Student Series  
**Accessing Schoolology as a Parent or Family Member**

**Accessing Seesaw as a Student and Parent or Family Member**