

4 Good Video Conferencing Tools for Teachers and Educators



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Zoom

- Host up to 100 video participants, pro version allows you to add more
- Supports 49 videos on screen.
- Record your videos and save them locally or to the cloud.
- 'Multiple participants can share their screens simultaneously and co-annotate during screen sharing'.
- 'Support scheduling or starting meetings from Outlook, Gmail, or iCal'.
- 'Chat with groups, searchable history, integrated file sharing, and 10 yea40 minutes limit on group meetingsr archive. Easily escalate into 1:1 or group calls'.
- 40 minutes limit on group meetings.
- 'Video Breakout Rooms allow you to split your Zoom meeting into as many as 50 separate sessions for discussion, projects and more'.
- Private and group chat; Virtual background; Whiteboarding.
- No need for Zoom account to join a meeting. You need a Zoom account to create a meeting.
- Works on the web, Android, and iOS.
- Premium version offers more features.



Microsoft Teams

- Supports up to 250 members in a single Teams meeting.
- Unlimited chat and search.
- '10 GB of team file storage and 2 GB of personal file storage per person'.
- 'Real-time collaboration with Office apps'.
- Screen sharing and background blur.
- Share files with colleagues and work on them together.
- 'Unlimited app integrations with 250+ business apps to choose from, including Adobe, Evernote, and Trello'.
- 'You need an Office 365 account with the appropriate Office 365 license'
- Works on the web, Android, and iOS.
- Paid version offers more features.

Skype

- Supports up to 50 participants in a video or audio conference.
- Call recordings and live captions and subtitles. No time limits
- 'Easily share presentations, holiday photos or anything on your screen during a call with integrated screen sharing'.
- Supports private conversations.
- Background blur, chat , and call reactions.
- Skype saves your recording for up to 30 days
- Works on the web, Android, and iOS.
- Skype video chat application is free.





Google Meet

- 'Host meetings from anywhere with up to 250 participants, record for later viewing, or livestream to up to 100,000 people'
- Video meetings of unlimited length till end of September, after that 60 minutes limit for free users
- 'Integrated with G Suite, so you can join meetings directly from a Calendar event or email invite'.
- Supports real-time captioning, scheduling, and screen sharing.
- 'With G Suite, every meeting automatically includes its own dial-in details. Guests can dial in quickly with just two taps on their smartphone'.
- 'Edit documents, presentations, and spreadsheets in realtime with the entire team and track every change with version history'.
- 'Create a group calendar, organize files in a shared drive, and create group chats for up to 150 participants to keep the whole team on the same page'.

