



### Tools for Physical Distanced Classroom

The chart below outlines some common tools that are either supported by EIU or free or have a free version that can be used in a physical distanced classroom. If you have any questions or feedback, please feel free to contact Lu Ding, Instructional Designer at [lding@eiu.edu](mailto:lding@eiu.edu).

Instructor-Student interactions	Tool types	Instructional Usage for Physical Distanced Classroom
Colored cards	Polling tool	Ask student opinions about something and ask students to use colored cards to vote or to answer a multiple-choice question.
Poll Everywhere: <a href="https://www.polleverywhere.com/plans">https://www.polleverywhere.com/plans</a>  Free version: Maximum 25 students	Question asking tool	Create questions for a quick check of student understanding and get immediate reports.  Multiple choice, Word cloud, Q&A, Survey, Open-ended questions, etc.
MS 365 Forms	Question asking tool	Create questions for a quick check of student understanding and get immediate results.  If create a short answer question, it can also be used to let students to ask questions. Students' questions are automatically showed in instructor's dashboard, so that the instructor can provide immediate answers to student questions.
Socrative: <a href="https://socrative.com/higher-ed/">https://socrative.com/higher-ed/</a>  Free version: Maximum 50 students	Question asking tool	See above, students' answers are anonymous.
Kahoot!: <a href="https://kahoot.com/schools/higher-ed/">https://kahoot.com/schools/higher-ed/</a>	Question asking tool (with some gamifications, such as timed polling)	Create games for students to compete or to simply answer instructors' questions.

Free version: Maximum 50 students (Due to COVID-19, Kahoot! Offers free access to all features)		
Student-Student interactions	Tool types	Instructional Usage for Physical Distanced Classroom
Collaborate Ultra  Or Zoom (the free version can host up to 100 participants and 40 mins limit on group meetings)	Breakout meeting rooms	Think-pair-share Small group discussions Turn and talk Brainstorming
MS 365 Teams	Audio/video conferencing, chat	Students will need to create their own Teams groups (Teams does not have breakout group feature)
Groupme: <a href="https://groupme.com/en-US/">https://groupme.com/en-US/</a>	Group messaging	Think-pair-share Small group discussions Brainstorming
MS 365 OneNote	Record of ideas, multimedia sharing, with instant chat feature	Think-pair-share Small group discussions Group projects Brainstorming
MS 365 OneDrive  Or GoogleDocs	Record of ideas	Think-pair-share Small group discussions Brainstorming
Padlet: <a href="https://padlet.com">https://padlet.com</a>  Free version: 3 padlets and 10 MB files only (Pro plan \$8, unlimited padlets and 250MB files)	Group multimedia sharing (e.g., link, voice, video, draw, location, image)	Brainstorming Group projects
Hypothesis: <a href="https://web.hypothes.is">https://web.hypothes.is</a>  Free if not need to be embedded in D2L	Annotation tool (support pdf, word, webpages, etc.)	Small group discussions Brainstorming (some ways of using Hypothesis in Higher Ed: <a href="https://web.hypothes.is/education/">https://web.hypothes.is/education/</a> )
Annotate: <a href="https://www.annotate.com/">https://www.annotate.com/</a>	Annotation tool (support pdf, word,	Small group discussions Brainstorming

Free version: 30MB of space for secure storage, for up to 3 users in a group	etc. but not for webpages) with instant chat feature	
Mindmeister: <a href="https://www.mindmeister.com/">https://www.mindmeister.com/</a>  Free version: Up to 3 mind maps	Concept map collaboration	Brainstorming Notetaking