



Planning a Virtual Edcamp

We support Edcamps who want to pivot to convening online.

You may decide to host your Edcamp online instead of in-person. Organizers do this for a variety of reasons: participant access and mobility, COVID-19 quarantine guidelines, sharing resources across districts, and broadening professional networks.

Organizing a virtual Edcamp requires the same creative energy and collaborative spirit as an in-person event, and may offer even greater flexibility in some respects. But although you won't need to secure a physical location for your online Edcamp, you'll still need to consider most of the other planning steps we've outlined in the Organizer Handbook.

Here are additional considerations for an Edcamp taking place online.

- **Scheduling:** Online Edcamps can be a single event or spread across multiple days or weeks. Be clear about your start/end times—and time zones!—to help participants plan ahead.
- **Audience:** Is your Edcamp for people in your district or region, or will it be open to educators everywhere? Since there's no travel time or costs involved, educators everywhere can attend an Edcamp online. Make your audience clear in your registration and social media, to set expectations appropriately.
- **Digital Session Board:** Traditional in-person Edcamps begin by creating their session board together at the start of the day. But for an online Edcamp, topics can be collected in advance—at the point of registration, for example—by using [Google forms](#) or other software. (If you are a Google school, you will have google forms as part of your G suite.) Create your digital session board in advance and be prepared to host multiple sessions at once. To promote the “rule of two fingers” (or feet), compile your session board in a shared document or file and list the teleconference links for each so attendees can find a different session, where needed, to maximize their learning.
- **Format:** A popular structure is to bring participants together in a shared online space first for a welcome message or video, then separate into separate digital areas by topic. You can also use **breakout rooms** to group attendees into smaller groups, either randomly or by affinity group (e.g. grade level). Recruit moderators for each session room in advance, and prep them ahead of time to assist with conversations. Consider equipping them with 3 to 5 icebreaker questions to start conversations if needed.
- **Meeting Online:** Organizers can use any secure teleconference software, such as [Zoom](#) or [Google Hangouts](#), to bring participants together. Eventbrite offers a section for live streaming or webinar events, so you can use a single platform to register and meet with participants. Tip: check if your preferred platform offers closed captioning, which can improve accessibility and reduce online fatigue. Supplement your teleconference conversation with “slow chat” software like [FliGrid](#), [Padlet](#), and [Jamboard](#) so attendees can share ideas, resources, and feedback.

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