

Prioritizing and Supporting Student Well-being

Comparing Microsoft Teams for Education* with Google Workspace for Education* in supporting student well-being.

Objective

The goal of this paper is to assess the recommended tools and strategies that Microsoft 365 Education and Google Workspace for Education offer educators to support student social and emotional learning (SEL).

Key Findings

1. The Microsoft solution uses a single platform, Teams for Education, that combines Reflect and Insights. This reduces the number of unique tools that students, educators, and administrators need to use to support SEL.
2. The Google Workspace for Education solution uses four different tools—Classroom*, Forms*, Sheets*, and YouTube*—adding layers of complication and permissions to the process.
3. Reflect uses the Feelings Monster to help students express over 50 feelings and build emotional granularity.
4. Google Forms does not have a similar feature to help students visualize and express their feelings.
5. Microsoft 365 schools that use Education Insights Premium can also see student responses trends across classes, grade level, or school in their organizational view.
6. Google Workspace for Education schools and administrators do not have access to review and monitor responses generated in Forms or Classroom responses.

Conclusion

As schools continue to develop and refine their SEL offerings, educators will rely on their most commonly used tools, such as Teams for Education and Classroom, to provide a streamlined and integrated digital resource that supports students' academic, social, and emotional learning needs. Providing built-in support resources that fully integrate within the Teams for Education platform, Microsoft's SEL solution offers a more comprehensive experience that helps students grow and provides schools with data that can help better identify and address needs at scale.

For students and educators alike, the Microsoft education solution, Reflect, provides better results, saves teachers time, and provides actionable student SEL data that can inform classroom, school, and district decisions.



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