

Teacher Assist Guide for Teachers

How to optimize your teaching experience and student engagement in Google Classroom



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Teacher Assist

Teacher Assist is part of GAT Suite for Education, which enables teachers to view and monitor student activity in Google Classroom in real time. This tool can help you manage and audit classrooms automatically so you save time and focus on what matters most: teaching.

What Can You Achieve with Teacher Assist?

With this tool for Google Classroom, teachers can:

- **Manage Classrooms and Student Browsing:** Control and customize students' screen content and monitor web activity to avoid distractions and keep students focused. View and block tabs on student browsers, lock screens during exams, and share educational resources.
- **Support Student Engagement and Progress:** Gain valuable student insights, including attendance and class activity. Keep students engaged with live chat and classroom announcements. Track their learning progress and identify struggling students early.

How to Set up Teacher Assist in the e-Learning Environment

The first step is to configure your Teacher Assist properly. We recommend that teachers always deliver online classes in a three-monitor environment. Three screens for remote teaching should be laid out as follows.

Screen 1: Teacher Assist

This screen allows the teacher to prepare the classroom, set up the default open tabs for each student, line up any tabs to open during class, and monitor each student's Chrome browser activity while the class is running.

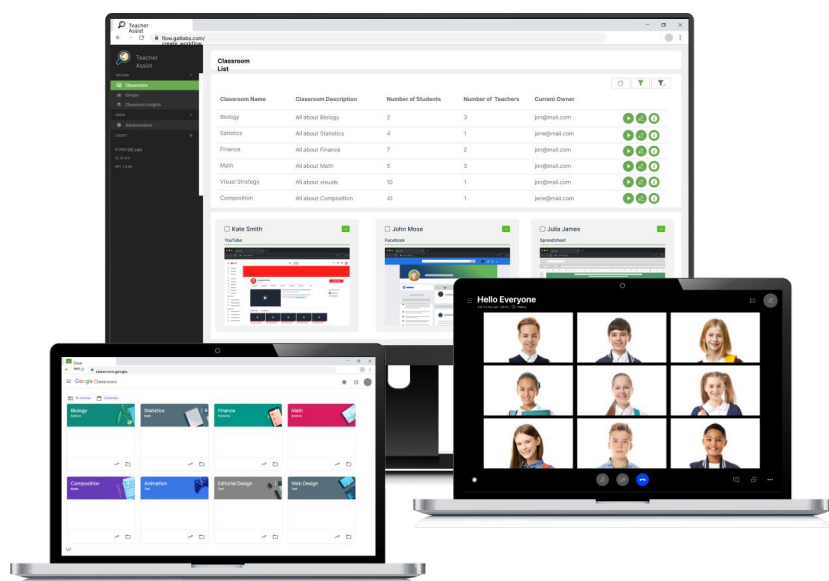
Screen 2: Classroom Resources

This screen displays Google Classroom or other material the teacher delivers. The teacher can change and manage their presentations from here.

Screen 3: Students' Overview in Google Meet

This screen shows students' faces, allowing the teacher to evaluate student engagement. Using this format, teachers can easily manage the classroom, stay in charge, and monitor students' activity in real time.

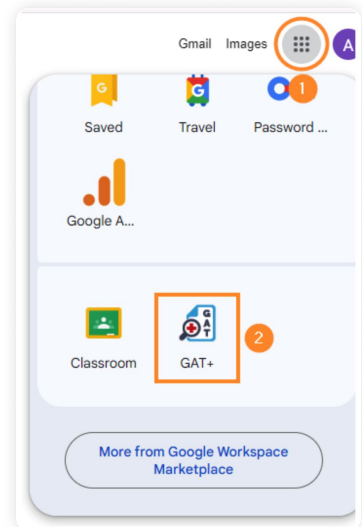
We recommend running Teacher Assist on one Chromebook/box/PC with a single large monitor and Classrooms and Meet on a second device with two large monitors. The reason is that Teacher Assist and Meet are both processor-intensive.



Note: You can also use Teacher Assist to manage your classrooms with fewer screens. **Three** screens are ideal for hybrid classrooms (remote and in-person learning), and **two** work perfectly for regular, in-person classrooms. Teacher Assist will still run well with even a single screen.

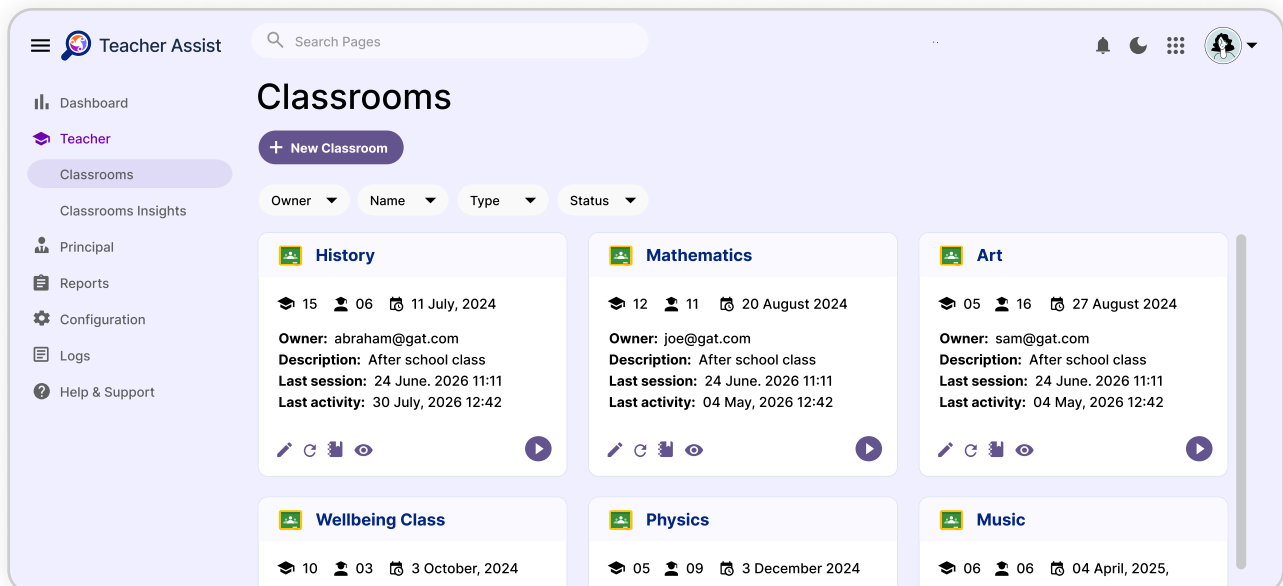
How to Start a Classroom Session in Teacher Assist?

1. Launch Teacher Assist from the **Google Apps button** or this URL: <https://gs.generalaudittool.com/apps/teachers>.
2. You will automatically see details of the previous classroom sessions. You can download reports and see student attendance for the selected session.



3. Before class begins, prepare and load the web pages the students will use.
Teacher Assist allows you to start the class with a preloaded set of web pages for each student. In addition, the teacher can block all other websites by default, forcing the students to stay “on message.” Teachers can also have a “reserve” list of web pages that they or the student can launch at any time during the case.

4. In the **Classrooms** tab on the left, you can see all the Classrooms you own and the Teacher Assist Groups created for you.



Click the  pen icon in a selected classroom to view details and edit the classroom setting:

- **General.** See the classroom overview, including the owner and the last activity, among other details. You can edit the session time.
- **Teachers.** List of teachers assigned to the classroom.

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- **Students.** Shows the list of all the students in the classroom. You can group students to provide personalized learning materials or deactivate a student from the classroom.
- **Website Control.** Block individual websites or block all websites for students except those configured as allowed.
- **Website Collections.** Set up and save websites in a collection, and send it to students. By clicking the "+add Collections" button, you can import collections from other teachers or classrooms.
- **YouTube Control.** Allow or block specific Categories, Channels, Videos, and Keywords.

Edit Classroom: Algebra

General
Teachers
Students
Website Control
Website Collections
YouTube Control

Classroom

 Algebra

Description	Algebra classroom	Section	3
Owner	abraham@gat.com	Room	42
Created	Mar 8, 2024 05:32:54	Join code	fi2g42j
Created by	abraham@gat.com	Last scan	Jul 27, 2026 09:35:49
Last session	Dec 8, 2025 11:48:02	Last activity	Dec 8, 2025 11:48:02

Session Time ⓘ

Time
01:05

Update & start session
Update

Click the  **bin/trash** icon to remove the classrooms created via Teacher Assist.

For Google Classroom sessions, you can refresh the membership here by clicking the  **circular arrow** icon.

Click the  **notebook** icon to view absence notes.

Click the  **eye** icon to view the **classroom insights** for a particular class:

- **Details.** It shows the classroom name, owner, number of teachers, and the number of students assigned to this classroom.
- **People.** It lists the full names and email addresses of teachers and students.
- **Classwork*** Summary of the classwork submissions with the due date, description, and average class grade.
- **Grades*** The grades for each student for each classwork assignment. You can filter assignments by open or past.
- **Browsing history.** It shows charts about visit duration and the number of visits for each student.
- **Website Control History.** It displays URLs that the teacher has blocked or allowed during the class session.
- **SAC (Site Access Control) Events.** View all pages that were pushed or blocked by the Teacher on the given day.

* Available for Google Classroom sessions only

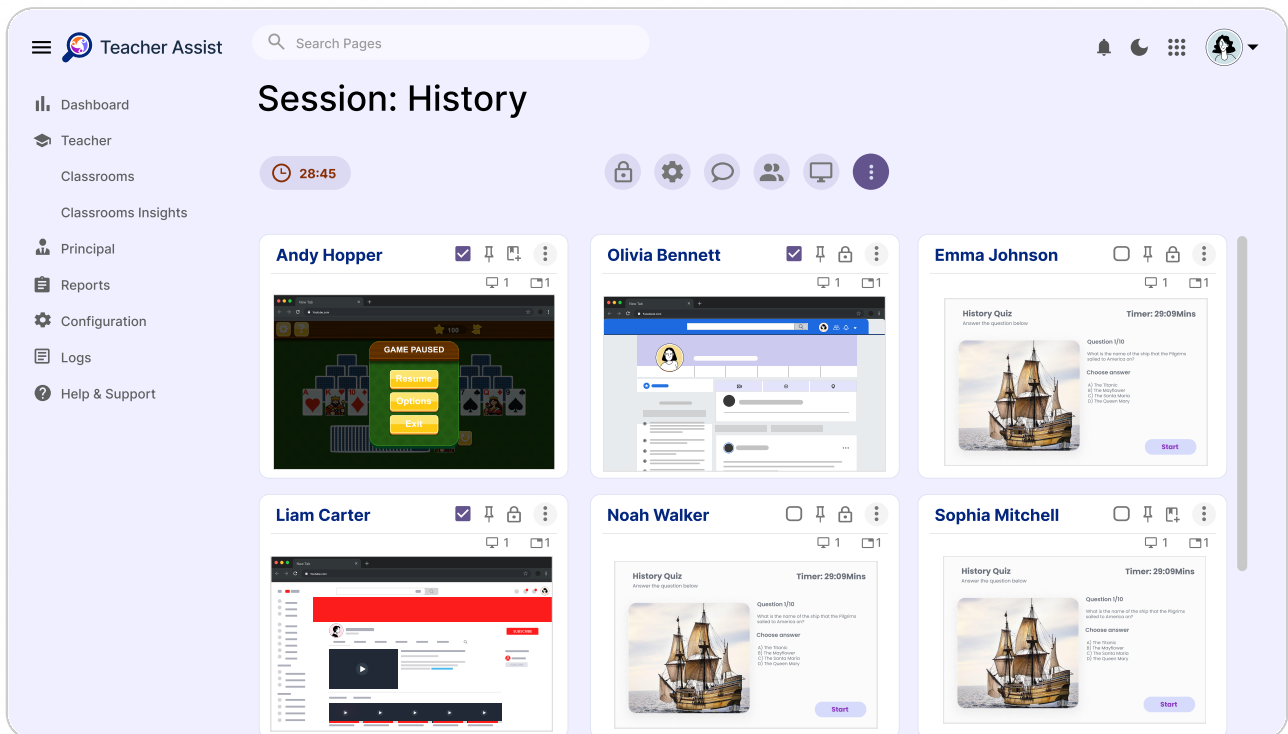
 Classroom: Programming classroom

Details	People	Classwork	Grades	Browsing History	Website Control History	Blocked Events
Classroom name Programming classroom						
Description	–			Owner	andrzej@dev.bp.gatlabs.com	
Short description	Programming classroom A team			Number of teachers	2	
Class code	6svfwh4			Number of students	3	
Section	A team			Number of assignments	87	
Room	409			Classroom ID	778262341566	

Click the  **play** icon in the selected classroom to start the class. Once the virtual class launches, the browsing activity for all active students will be automatically displayed.

How to Manage a Classroom Session in Teacher Assist?

Real-Time Classroom Management



Teachers manage each classroom using the icons at the top in the center.

The  **Lock tabs** button (the **lock** icon) allows you to lock all current tabs for the entire classroom.

The  **Session settings** button (the **gear** icon) allows you to enable or disable:

- Window lock
- Mute tabs
- Block split tab view
- Mute raised hand notifications

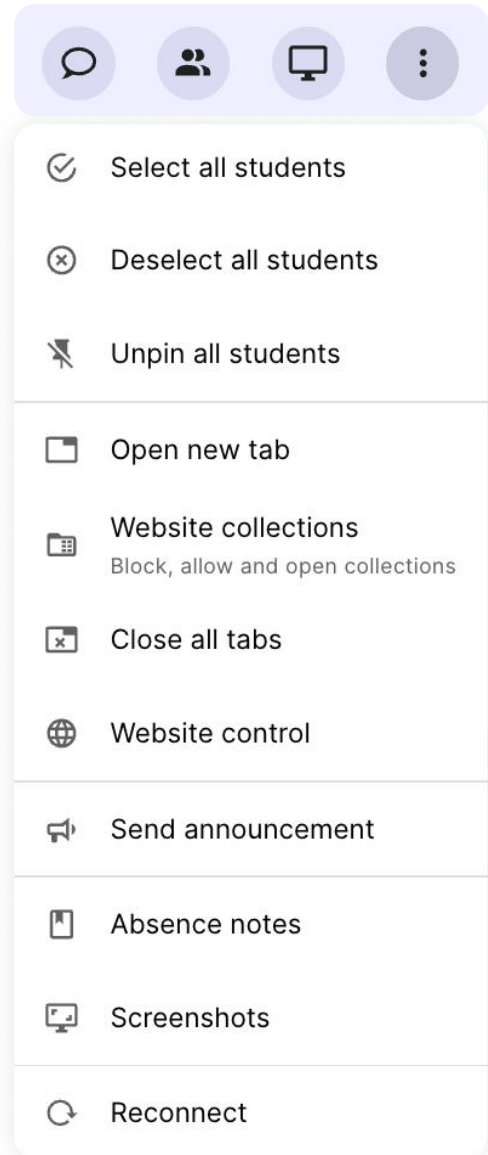
The  **Chat** button (the **speech bubble** icon) shows all students and groups and lets you send a message to an individual student.

The  **Students** button (the **silhouette** icon) displays present and absent students, along with the groups they are assigned to.

The  **View settings** button (the **screen** icon) allows you to adjust the view mode, showing all or only present students, group and sort them, and sort groups

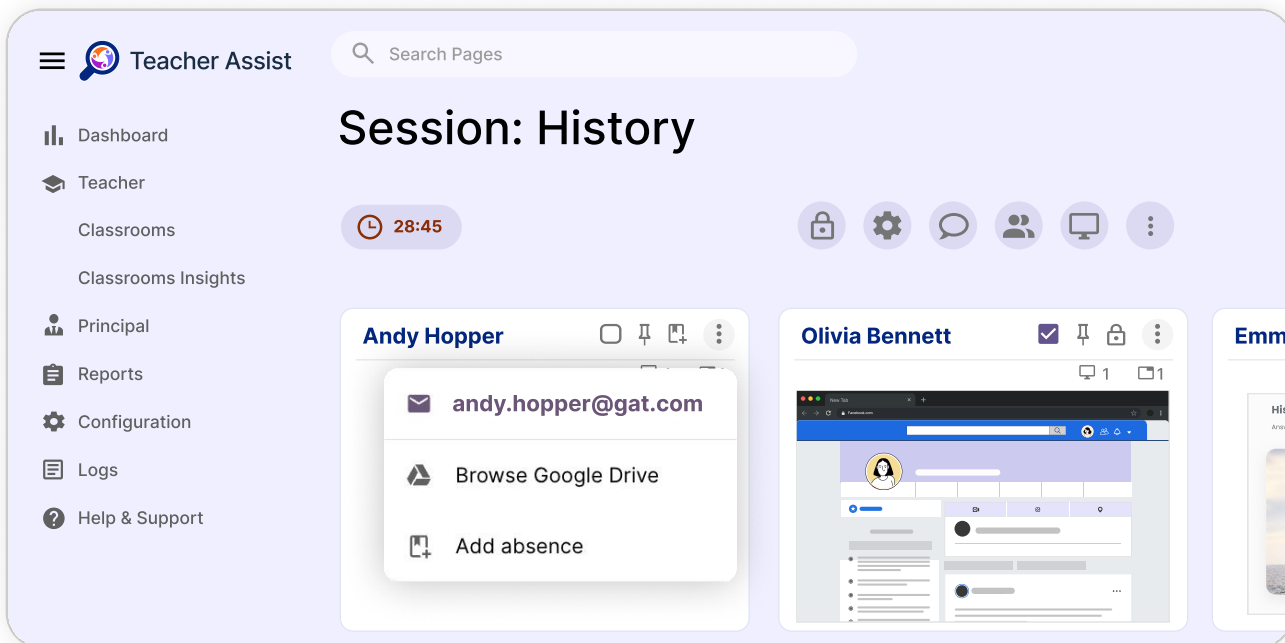
The  **More Session Actions** (the **dots** icon) enable you to:

- **Select all students**
- **Deselect all students**
- **Unpin all students**
- **Open a new tab** or choose from recently opened websites
 - a. Lock this page
 - b. Lock this domain
 - c. Close all other tabs
- **Website collections:** Block or allow access to websites in the selected collection, or open them on students' devices.
- **Close all tabs**
- **Website control:** Set up website control:
 - a. Default access blocks all pages and adds exceptions
 - b. Block all pages by default (allowed sites will take precedence over blocked sites)
 - c. Add a new website access rule
- **Send announcements:** Send one message to all students at once
 - a. Each student can reply individually to the teacher
- **Absence notes:** Add an absence note for the student
- **Screenshots:** View the list of screenshots from the classroom session
- **Reconnect:** Reconnect with currently inactive students if they logged in later



Student Management

You can see each student's screen in real time and also interact with students individually. The actions the teacher can take on students during the class are:



The **Select** button (the box icon): Select the student to manage their browsing:

- **Open a new tab** (additionally, you can lock this page or this domain, or close all other tabs)
- **Open website collections**
- **Close all tabs**
- **Send announcement**

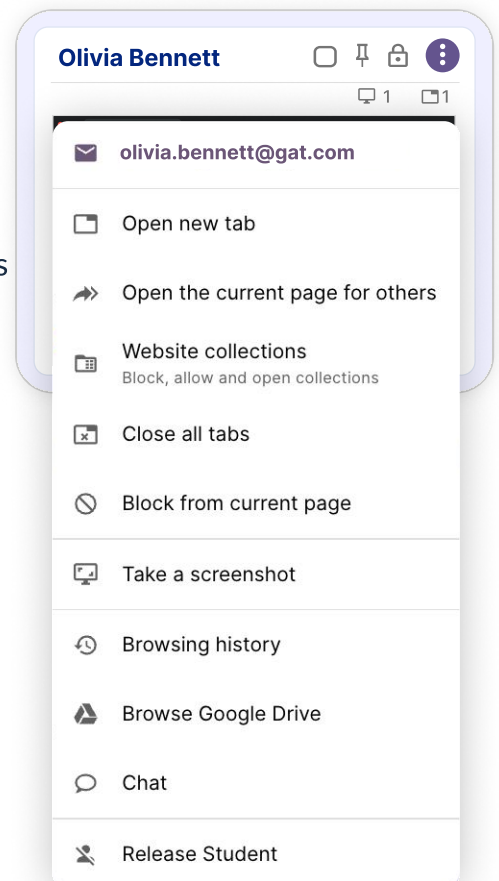
The **Pin** button (the pin icon): Pin the student to the top.

The **Add Absence** button (the notebook icon): Note that the student didn't show up in the class.

The **Actions** button (the three-dot icon):

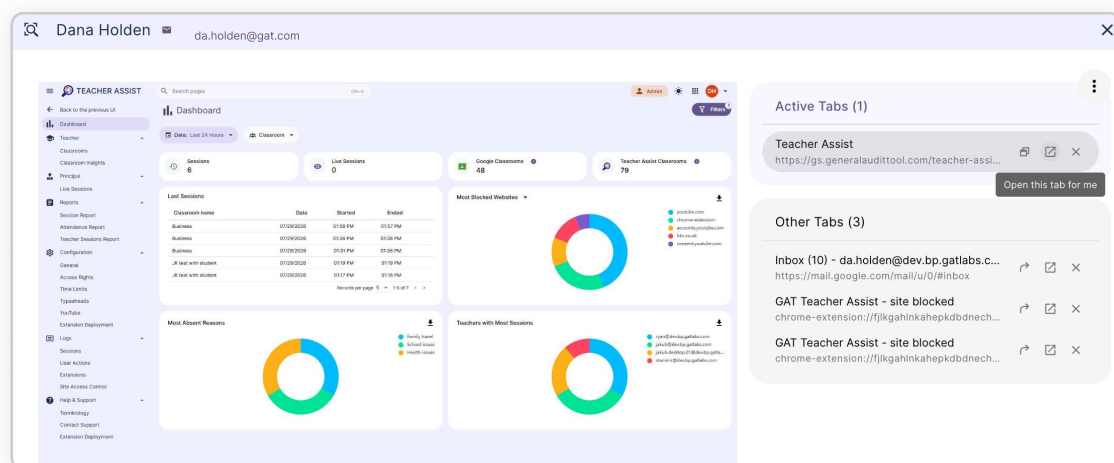
- In case the student is **absent**:
 - a. See the student's email address
 - b. Browse the student's Google Drive
 - c. Add an absence

- In case the student is present:
 - a. **Open a new tab** (additionally, you can lock this page or this domain, or close all other tabs)
 - b. **Open the current page for others**
 - c. **Website collections:** Block or allow access to websites in the selected collection, or open them on students' devices.
 - d. **Close all tabs**
 - e. **Block from the current page:** Block the current page the student is on.
 - f. **Take a screenshot:** Take screenshots of the page the user is currently on.
 - g. **Browsing history:** View the browsing history of the student during the classroom session.
 - h. **Browser Google Drive:** Browse the student's Google Drive.
 - i. **Chat:** Send a chat message to the student individually.
 - j. **Release student:** Make the student inactive so as not to manage in real-time.



When monitoring a specific student, you can maximize the view. From there, you can:

- Focus the student on this tab
- Open the current tab for you
- Close it for the student



Click on a student's window to choose the option "open this tab for me" and view the page currently visited by the student in full screen.

In Detail: Tab Lock for Students

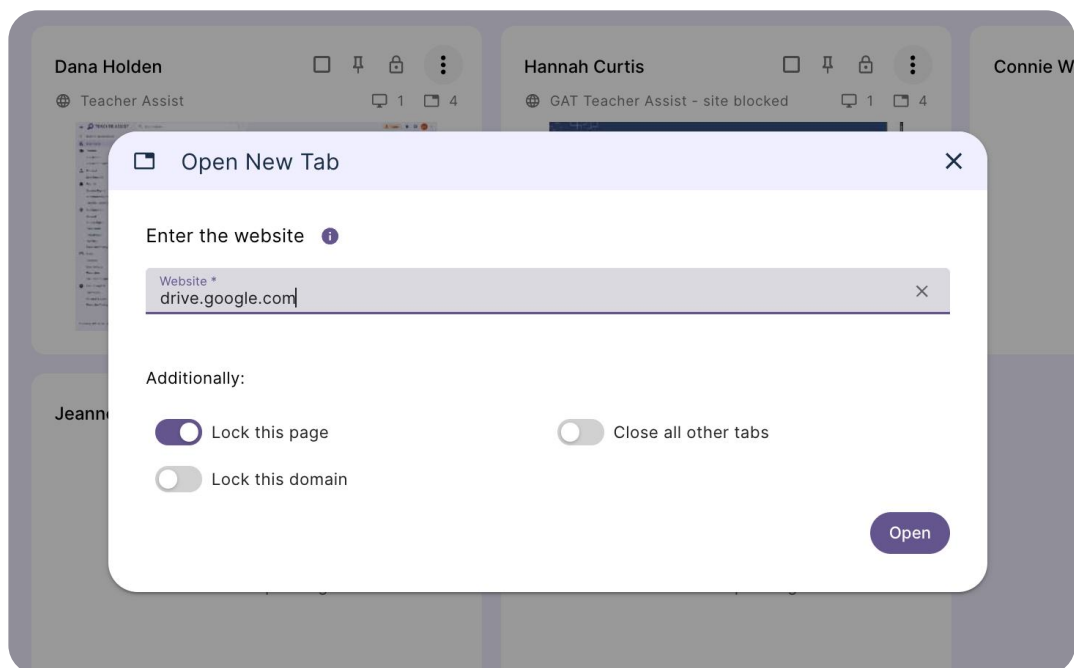
Teachers can lock specific tabs to reduce distractions and cheating in a class. This feature is specifically useful during exams.

To lock the tabs for an individual student, select the student and click the **Lock tab** button (the closed **padlock** icon) in the top-right corner of the student's box.

To lock the tab with the exam for students:

1. In the **Session tools**, click **Open New Tab**.
2. Open the tab with the URL containing the exam and select **Lock this page** (for all active students) or **Lock this domain** (for all active students, locking the URL domain, e.g., drive.google.com)

If a student clicks to open a new tab, they will be redirected to the locked tab.



Teacher Assist Classroom Insights

Classroom Insights for Teachers

Teacher Assist gives detailed information on each course and classroom in the teachers' and students' scope.

To audit specific classroom data, go to the **Classroom Insights** tab in the left menu.

Teachers can navigate through the insights using the tabs:

- **Details:** See the classroom overview, including the room, owner, number of teachers, students, and assignments, among other details
- **People:** Teachers and students are involved in this class.
- **Classwork:** Summary of the classwork submissions with the due date, description, and average class grade.
- **Grades:** The grades for each student for each classwork assignment. You can filter assignments by open or past.
- **Browsing activity:** Each student's browsing activity is displayed in detail, showing the websites visited and the time spent on each website for any given day (up to 3 months ago).
- **Website Control History:** It displays URLs that the teacher has blocked or allowed during the class session.
- **SAC events (Site Access Control events):** View what pages were blocked by the teacher

The screenshot shows the Teacher Assist interface. On the left is a sidebar menu with options: Dashboard, Teacher, Classrooms, Classrooms Insights (highlighted), Principal, Reports, Configuration, Logs, and Help & Support. The main area is titled 'Dashboard' and shows a dropdown for 'Classroom: 8th Grade'. Below this are seven tabs: Details, People, Classwork, Grades, Browsing History, Website Control History, and Blocked Events. The 'Details' tab is active, displaying classroom information in a table format.

Details		People	Classwork	Grades	Browsing History	Website Control History	Blocked Events
Classroom name 8th Grade							
Description	-			Owner	abraham@dev.bp.gatlabs.com		
Short description	8th Grade			Number of teachers	2		
Class code	adgbt4y			Number of students	4		
Section	School			Number of assignments	4		
Room	3			Classroom ID	654536037372		

Delegated Auditors

The school admin can grant a non-admin user, such as a teacher, full access to Teacher Assist. A delegated auditor can access and use all sections of the tool: Teacher, Principal, and Admin.

This privilege grants teachers broader visibility into classrooms and greater management rights without involving the admin.

The Principal Oversight

This feature, designed for school principals, gives them an overview of Google Classroom activities. Only admins can grant this privilege to the principals. It allows them to:

- Generate reports on all classrooms
- View all currently active classroom sessions, including viewing student browsing history and Google Drive, and pinning students without direct intervention.

Useful Teacher Assist Features

Dive deep into our [Knowledge Base](#) to learn how to use multiple Teacher Assist functionalities for Google Classroom management. These are the most popular how-to posts on the features for teachers:

- [Teacher Assist Overview](#)
- [Lock student screens for exams](#)
- [Take action on students' browsing tabs in the Classroom session](#)
- [Control students' access to YouTube videos](#)
- [Take a screenshot of a student's current browsing activity during a class](#)
- [Monitor blocked or allowed URLs during class with Site Control History](#)
- [Use students chat](#)
- [Generate a PDF report after each Classroom session](#)
- [View absence notes](#)
- [Create and run a Teacher Assist Group session outside of the existing Classroom](#)
- [The Principal feature](#)
- [Assign delegated audits in Teacher Assist](#)

Any Questions?

Do you need assistance using Teacher Assist, configuring a classroom, or managing your students during class? In the first stage, contact your school admin. You can also learn more about GAT Labs tools on [our website](#) and from [our Support Team](#).

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