For the classroom

Google tools enhance global collaboration

Google tools are an excellent way to get students in the same classroom or students around the world to collaborate with one another.

**Google Docs**

Google Docs is a cloud-based word processing program that is accessed through a free Gmail account. Students can write and edit a paper together, comment on an article and respond to each other’s comments, write shared stories and poetry together or brainstorm about a project without needing to be in the same location. High school or college students can edit a paper for an elementary school student. Students from different states or countries can write a paper about diverse traditions and cultures. Writing within the document and in the chat bar is real time, which makes collaboration meaningful and authentic.

**Google Forms**

Google Forms allows students to create surveys with other students all over the world or to gather data for research, projects, graphs and statistics. Surveys can also be created and shared to get information from experts across the globe.

**Google Slides**

With Google Slides, students can work collaboratively on a presentation and share the information with a global audience. They can complete a project-based learning unit with students internationally and gain diverse perspectives on the driving question.

Overall, Google tools are a platform for effective collaboration that can make learning more authentic and meaningful in the classroom.