

Socialize While You Isolate

All alone during the social distancing Pandemic isolation? You really have connections!

Tap into the resources available to you. You have local and state wide DKG sisters to call upon for help. Check with your chapter president to find the teachers in your group who are current with the Apps or applications that work best for them. At the TSO level each area has a Technology Committee member available or contact Marsha Edney. <https://www.dkgtxas.org/technology-committee.html>

Our school district is embracing Zoom, but there are many communications platforms to use. Just a few are Zoom, Google Hangouts Meet, Skype, FaceTime, Google Duo, Facebook Messenger, and the list goes on. Most of the sites offer online help, how-to instructions and chat with a person that lets you ask the questions you need. Chat in most cases is not a video, but an open typing space on their website for you to type questions and a customer service person will respond. Sometimes the age of your device dictates the best format to use. Other times the format will depend upon the person or group with whom you are video communicating. For example, if your son/daughter has an Android, the best video conferencing is not FaceTime.

Zoom <https://zoom.us/> Free and will host up to 100 participants. Zoom has unlimited 1 to 1 meetings and 40 minute limits on group meetings. It features an unlimited number of meetings and includes online support.

Google Hangouts Meet The person initiating this conversation must have a Google account which is free. Anyone on any device can use a code sent to them via email to enter the conversation or view the presentation. This Google product will allow broadcasting up to 100 people or a chat with up to 10 people. This is a web browser application so that it only requires that someone have Google with any device online. <https://meet.google.com/> <https://support.google.com/a/users/answer/9282720?hl=en>

Skype - An application or App that can be downloaded to your device. It is a Microsoft product which is used by many companies, businesses or folks. Many of our authors will host a Skype instead of visiting a campus to save travel time. The teacher shows the conversation on their overhead projection device and the audience and speaker can view each other. <https://www.skype.com/en/features/>

FaceTime is an Apple Product for iPhones, iPads, Apple TV, etc. iOS: 4 and later; Mac: Mac OS X 10.6.6 and later <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT204380>

CNBC “The Best Video Call Apps to Use While You’re Social Distancing”

<https://www.cnbc.com/2020/03/31/the-best-video-call-apps-to-use-while-youre-social-distancing.html>

Android help <https://www.androidauthority.com/best-video-chat-apps-for-android-756190/>

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