Nearpod

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About

Nearpod is a classroom engagement tool that allows for multiple ways of engaging students, including quizzing, collaboration, polls and open-ended questions. Students can also draw on an image as a response. PowerPoint presentations can be uploaded to Nearpod and activities embedded throughout. Sessions can be student paced or presenter paced. Students enter a unique code for each session.

Nearpod website

Licence

> * - Items with a college-wide license have an asterisk

Seneca **does not** have a licence for this tool. However, Seneca does have a license for a similar tool: Mentimeter*.

Tips for using the tool

There is a maximum of 40 participants in a single session for the free version.

Use your device to control the presentation with the professor station signed in as a "student."

Sometimes using it in Chrome or Firefox and trying to save seems temperamental. Internet

Explorer seems to be the preferred browser.

Presenters can get a report of engagement and answers.

Keeping Student Information Safe When Using Online Tools

The Quick guide to secure handling of confidential student information for faculty using online learning tools (.PDF) (developed by the Teaching & Learning Centre and ITS) helps faculty choose secure online tools for teaching. The guide provides guidelines and examples to help faculty consider the information students might be giving up when using a new tool. It is intended for quick use of free or low-cost online tools and not for larger, more costly tools that require more rigorous data privacy vetting.

Privacy considerations

Only a name and email address required to set up a free educator user account. Students are not required to set up an account and only need to enter educator provided code to participate. Students can use nicknames, first names or initials if they need to be uniquely identified during the session. Platform permits students to submit voice recordings and photos but publication is controlled by educator user and feature is optional.

Related tools

- For the idea of seamlessly incorporating engagement tools with PowerPoint, Mentimeter* is a similar tool.
- Poll Everywhere

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