

Digital pen pals: Across town or across the world.

Learning is taken to the next level when students can learn from peers like them from across town, or across the world! Let's try it with Webex.

Partner up with another school to be "digital pen pals" and have a virtual combined classroom for the day, over video. By working as a class to prep your presentation for your pen pal, your students are practicing their presentational skills, too.

PRO TIP

Make it a regular thing, helping the students form strong bonds. It's simple to create a re-occurring meeting.

1. **Find a friend:**

Call up a teacher friend across town or get reconnected with a teacher of a similar subject or grade you met at a conference.

2. **Make a plan:**

What's a hot topic for both of your classrooms? What have you learned that's similar or different? What would your students be excited to discuss? Plan who will share what.

3. **Send the invite:**

Simply invite the other classroom to join you in your Webex meeting room at a specific date and time (the link to join will stay in their calendar). They don't need an account, they can just join your meeting.

4. **Prep with your students:**

Take the time to discuss as a class how you want to present: Present in groups? Ask the other class questions? Play a game?

5. **Have some fun!**

Join your virtual combined classroom session! Watch your students thrive creating new relationships and being the "stars" of the classroom for the day. They are going to rock it.

6. **Follow up:**

Can you keep the conversation rolling? Include the other class in a Webex space afterwards, so you can share updates, fun pictures, and plan for next time.

Create an immersive learning experience for everyone, and bring your kids outside the classroom, without leaving the door.