



A Parent Guide to SeeSaw

**An SPS user guide to help families
connect home to school**

What IS SeeSaw?



SeeSaw is a web-based platform for engaging students. It's a family-friendly way to connect school to home, especially for our youngest learners.

In Shrewsbury (and many other districts) teachers use Seesaw to post their classroom materials online because it provides a safe, closed system for students to discuss their ideas, share their work and sometimes even collaborate on projects. In this way Seesaw keeps a class connected.

Most importantly, the Seesaw platform also helps teachers assign and collect assignments electronically. Students can share their work using photos, videos. Drawings, text, documents or links. Having one place to find everything helps students stay organized- and it helps parents to monitor their child's participation when learning remotely.

Why is SPS using SeeSaw?

- ▶ Our staff elected to use SeeSaw for lots of different reasons.
- ▶ In a remote learning environment, having a consistent (and in some cases familiar) platform makes things simpler. Ultimately for students and families, we hope that our investment in SeeSaw will limit the number of places teachers, students and families need to go to connect.
- ▶ A shared platform across grade spans also makes things simpler from a district perspective. Our information technology staff can push out resources, professional development efforts can be coordinated, and training can all be coordinated in one place.



What should parents know about SeeSaw?

SeeSaw is free, and it makes it easy for parents to stay involved. Your Parent Account gives you access to “see” into your child’s classroom. You’ll notice:

- ▶ Teacher posts and
- ▶ Student posts to a “journal”

Having this platform in place also gives your child a safe way to share their work digitally with a wider audience, which means that even distant family members can join in seeing your child’s progress. Up to 10 family members can connect to one child’s journal.

Check out [this](#) tutorial to learn more.

- ▶ Families will get notified when there are new posts

Your account

You're in control of how often you're notified about new information in Seesaw.

Here are your options in the Seesaw Family account:

- ▶ Tap your Profile Icon in the upper left corner.
- ▶ Tap the Gear Icon.
- ▶ Choose Account Settings.
- ▶ Turn email and/or push notifications ON/ONCE A DAY/OFF.

SeeSaw Basics

Click [here](#) for remote learning resources for families, including information about

- ▶ Setting up SeeSaw for learning at home,
- ▶ Using the SeeSaw App and
- ▶ How Home learning codes work.

Want more?

- ▶ SPS Information Technology staff at each school can help troubleshoot. Please use this contact to reach them. They'll take your request in the order they receive it: parenttechsupport@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us
- ▶ SeeSaw offers a help desk for families. You can submit requests directly [here](#).
- ▶ For those of you really intrigued by this new tool, SeeSaw offers a morning webinar that parents can access by registering [here](#).