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## Platforms and Apps That Assist Students in Distance Learning

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Online and distance learning is much of a challenge as people are adjusting to this new normal yet a convenience at the same time by giving the idea of flexibility. With this, different applications online are discovered that can help the students to thrive in education amidst this pandemic. Google drive is like an online cabinet that can help students to store multiple documents and digital files online. It is essential as there are times that the storage of the device a person is using is full, and Google Drive can help to reduce the problem with computer storage. It is also accessible from wherever a person go as long as there is internet to access those files. It works in all platforms as well and it is free.

Google form is an app that is essential in group works and research purposes for students. This application can be used to gather information through surveys or quizzes by sharing the given link to all social media or messaging platform. It is free and it can help students to ensure that all the information they gathered are safe and organized.

Following is Notion. Notion is free and flexible app that can help the students in organizing, listing, taking down notes, and storage as well. This app has multiple templates that allows student to refine ideas, build concepts, and motivate one self. An example of this is a calendar where they can put their schedules in order to finish them on time. Notion has a task list template as well, where a student can list down all the tasks for organization purposes. Additionally, a student can personalize the application based on his or her liking.

Cam scanner is one of the apps that is convenient and free at the same time. As digital learning and online learning is implemented, there is less of use of paper and more on digital documents. Cam scanner is efficient to use as it crops the photo easily, wire less printing, can be shared to social media platforms, and can convert these scanned documents into a pdf file. DepEd Commons is a useful education platform to support students in their lessons and activities as this platform provides access to online review materials, documents, and lessons. With this website, students can gather more information regarding their current lessons in order to understand them better. These are just some of the helpful and useful online platforms and applications for students. It is just one of the ways for the students to adjust to the new normal in learning. It can be a challenge, but these difficulties can ease with assistance of these tools and resources. \*\*\*\*\*

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