NEW Ed Tech Requests

Schools and Departments may submit requests for Ed Tech Applications for Student and Staff use for the 2021-2022 School Year.

The App Request Process will be open for staff to submit requests for **NEW** Apps (iPad Apps or Software Resources that require student accounts) through April 2021.

The new process requires the requestor to complete two forms.

1.) A Security, Privacy, & Safety Rubric
2.) A Critical Information Form

The Critical Information Form will require Administrator Approval before it can be submitted for review.

All the necessary information and forms can be found on the **District Apps Management SharePoint site.**

Click the link below to access the site.

CLICK HERE ➡️ **App Requests**

Once requests are submitted, they will be evaluated by the IMS **- Information Management Services** and CIS **-Curriculum and Instruction Support** Departments for approval.

The Omaha Public Schools provides standardized applications, software, and other web-based solutions to support instruction that aligns with best practices and District Policies. OPS Policy requires that all employees and students use **approved** applications to ensure a safe online experience.

Information will also be included in the Weekly IMS Newsletter, please feel free to share this information with appropriate staff.

REQUEST TIMELINE

Applications Request Window *OPEN*
March - April 2021
District Review by IMS and CIS
May – June 2021
Purchasing, Legal, Account Set Up & Rostering
June – July 2021

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Then apply here.

DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY TRAINER UPDATES

Looking for more ideas to support your students' learning needs on iPads? Colleen Collins, Special Education Assistive Technology Coach for OPS, has shared the following tutorial videos.

Assistive Technology iPad Tips Channel

Note: The videos labeled "Symbol Stix" are specific to special education teachers only due to licensing of the product.

Check out our IMS Professional Learning Newsletter for the following resources:

- **Announcements**
- **Applications OPS Technology Trainers Support**
- **Apple Professional Learning Specialists**
    - o Office Hours
    - o Applications the Apple Trainers Support
- **Common Sense Education Professional Learning**

Teams Meeting Options: "Who Can Bypass the Lobby?"

In January of 2021, Microsoft Teams changed how students were able to join a meeting. This change permitted students to start Class Teams meetings without the teacher being present. So that students are no longer able to start Class Teams meetings, IMS will be changing the default setting for, "**Who can bypass the lobby?**" from People in my organization and guests, to **Only me** (the meeting organizer) starting on Friday, April 9th.

Automatically setting this default to **Only me** will only allow teachers (meeting organizers) to start the Class Team meeting. Students must wait in the lobby until the teacher admits all students to enter the meeting. Team meeting options can always be changed before or during a meeting.

Test Meeting

March 25, 2021, 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Sarah Lindensmith

Meeting options

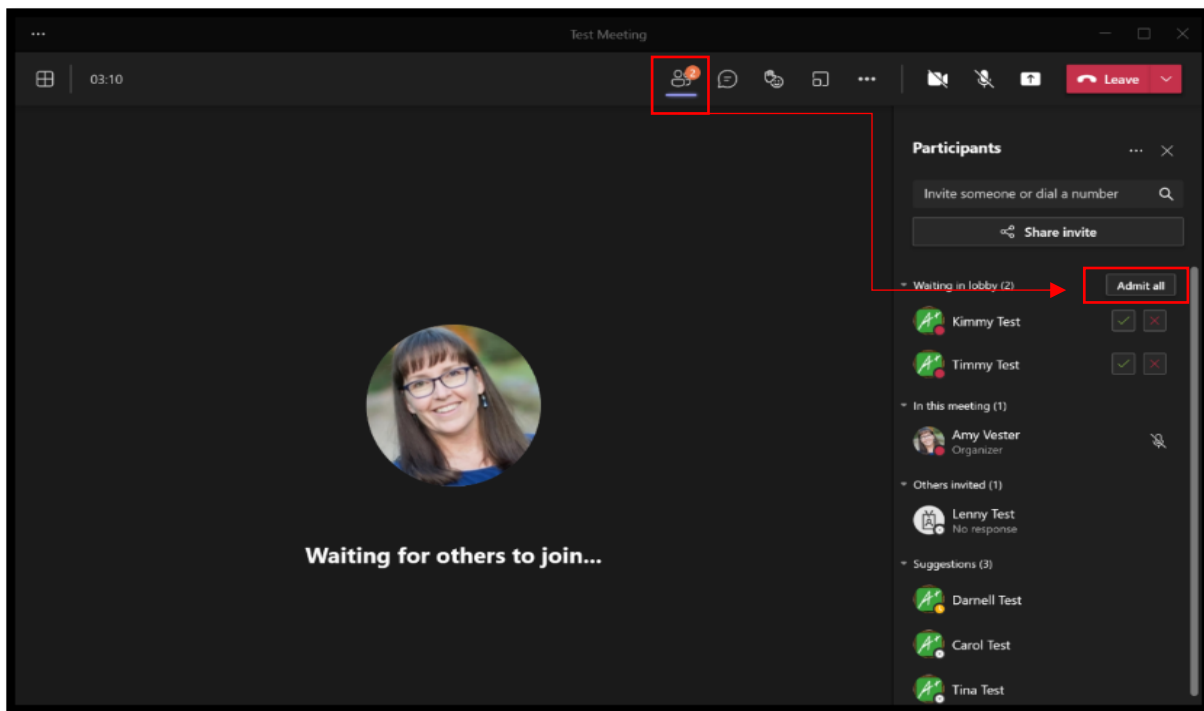| Who can bypass the lobby? | | People in my organization and gu... ⌄ |
		Everyone
		People in my organization, trusted organizations and guests
Always let callers bypass the lobby		**People in my organization and guests**
		Only me
Announce when callers join or leave		
Who can present?		
Allow attendees to unmute		Yes ⬤
Allow meeting chat		Enabled ⌄
Allow reactions		Yes ⬤

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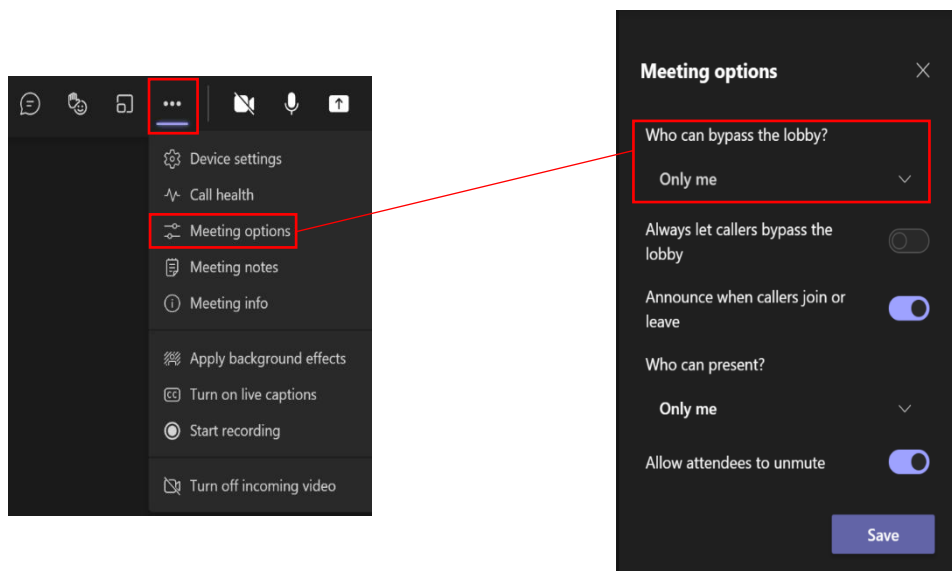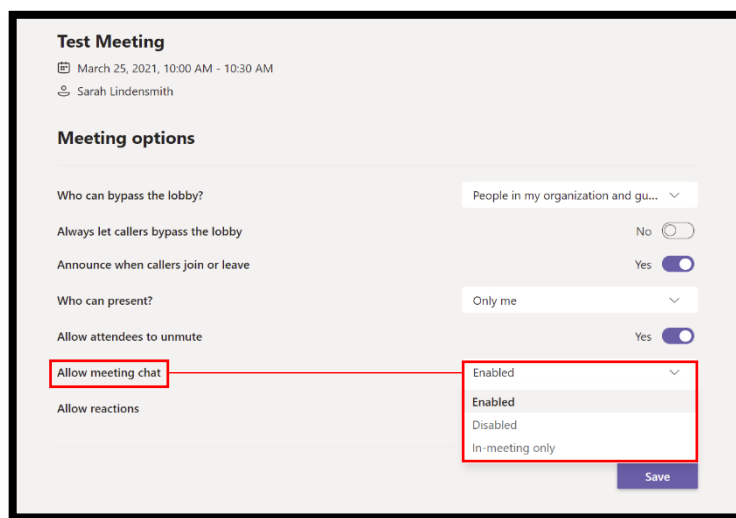
Once you are ready to start the meeting, select Admit All. This will allow all participants to join the meeting at the same time.

Teams Meeting Options: Allow Meeting Chat Outside a Class Team

Microsoft Teams now has the chat options working correctly in Meeting options. Team Meeting options can always be changed before or during a meeting. You can now enable chat, disable chat, or allow chat in-meeting only when a meeting is scheduled outside of a Class Team.

Substitute Teachers: Meeting Options

Substitute teachers can start a Class Teams meeting using the **Meet now** option when they are in the Class Teams channel. During the meeting, they can select the 3 dots and choose the Meeting options to change who can bypass the lobby.