



What is Moodle?

Moodle can be defined as an LMS (Learning Management System, CMS (Course Management System, or (VLE) Virtual Learning Environment.

In the Great Falls Public School District, teachers build classes (courses) on Moodle which are an extension of the classes they teach at school.

The number of Moodle classes (courses) at each school varies.

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What do teachers use Moodle for?

Teachers use Moodle for any or all of the following (list is not exhaustive):

- Send reminders to students through Moodle messaging
- Give tests
- Set up monitored forums (discussion boards)
- Poll the students
- Provide extra resources (links)
- Give assignments and create a place for students to upload the assignments
- Keep a calendar of events

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What do students use Moodle for?

Students use Moodle for any or all of the following (list is not exhaustive):

- Communicating with teachers through the internet
- Accessing and managing their Z drive
- Turning in assignments through a digital drop box
- Taking quizzes and tests
- Checking the grades of assignments on Moodle (not the same as Power school)
- Finding links for instructional games

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How do students get to Moodle?

Go to this URL: <http://courses.gfps.k12.mt.us/>

Students log in using the blue “Login” link in the upper right hand corner of the page.

To log in they use the username and password they use to log on computers at school.

A screenshot of a Moodle page showing the text "You are not logged in. (Login)". A red arrow points from the text in the previous block to the "(Login)" link in this screenshot.

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How do students get to Moodle courses?

Once logged in, students can find their Moodle classes in the “My courses block”.

If they are looking for a class they need to enroll in, they use “Course categories” and will need the enrollment key for the course.

The screenshot shows the Moodle course page for GFPS. At the top, the logo reads "GFPS Courses" in blue, with the tagline "MY SCHOOL MY WAY" in green below it. The page is divided into several sections:

- Main Menu:** A grey box containing "Site news" and "Moodle Help Forum" with speech bubble icons.
- My courses:** A grey box with a minus sign icon, indicating it is collapsed.
- Course categories:** A white box containing three blue links: "Elementary Schools", "Middle Schools", and "High Schools".

A blue arrow points from the text "Course categories" in the left column to the "Course categories" section in the screenshot.

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