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Students can access any tools that you make available to their group, on the group homepage.

Each group will see it's own instance of a tool, they won't be able to see another groups instance of a tool. For example, you may make the Group Blog tool available to all Groups. However each individual group will only see their Group Blog, they won't see each others.

## Available group tools

Examples of tools that you can provide to your student groups include:

- **Group Blog:** Members of a group can add entries and comments to the group blog to share ideas. You can grade group blogs.
- **Group Discussion Board:** Members of a group can use this shared discussion board to communicate as a group, as well as create and manage their own sub-forums.
- **Email:** Use the group email tool for quick and efficient communication among group members.
- **File Exchange:** You and group members can use this tool to upload documents to the group area, and delete files, regardless of who added them. This tool is only available to groups.
- **Group Journal:** Members of a group can share their thoughts with each other and communicate with you. You can grade group journals.
- **Group Tasks:** Members of a group can define and separate the workload into tasks and distribute the list to the entire group. Each task has a status and a due date to help keep members on track. Group members can view the group assigned tasks in the group tasks tool or in the unit tasks tool. You and other unit members won't see tasks for groups they aren't enrolled in when viewing the unit tasks tool.
- Group Wiki: Use group wikis to create a collaborative space for group members to view, contribute, and edit content. You can grade group wikis.

**NOTE:** If you set a group blog, journal, or wiki to be graded and then click save.... you **can't** reverse/edit this setting.