Is your district set up with **Clever**?

Checkology is now on Clever! Clever is a free, seamless edtech solution that improves data security and gives educators and students secure single-sign-on access.

- **If your district is not set up with Clever,** visit clever.com/district-signup.
- **If you're setting up Clever for the first time,** use this guide.

- **Work in a district or at a school that doesn't plan to use Clever?** You can register to use Checkology with individual educator and student accounts.

  Email us at tech@newslit.org.

Getting started with Checkology® GUIDE

So, you're in charge of setting up your district with the Checkology® virtual classroom — welcome! *Here's everything you need to know.*

For school district tech leaders and administrators
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Already on Clever?

1 Connect to Checkology

There are two simple ways to connect! First log in to your Clever dashboard with a Clever district administrator account.

If Checkology already "invited" your district …

1. On your dashboard in the "Awaiting your action" section, look for "App invitation: Checkology has invited you to connect via Clever!"
2. Click "View invite."
3. Accept the invite. Hurray!

If you don't see an invite:

1. Select from the left navigation: Applications > Add Applications
2. Search for **Checkology.** You'll be brought to a page where you start your request.
3. Mark that Checkology has already been purchased for your district (Checkology is entirely free).
4. You'll be asked if you would like to request a custom launch date (the first day users can see Checkology in their Clever portal).
5. Once you're finished, click "Request."

2 Configure data-sharing

Make sure the following is true in your Student Information System (SIS) in Clever before you configure your district's data-sharing rules:

✓ **Students and teachers** are in their correct grades.

✓ **Classes** are updated for the current school year.

Checkology recommends that you "Share by Rules" in Clever (find more on "Share by Rules" here). To create a sharing rule:

1. Once you have added Checkology as an application in Clever, log in to your dashboard as a Clever district administrator and select "Applications" from the lefthand navigation bar. Then click on **Checkology** from your list of applications.
2. If you're setting up Checkology for the first time, select "Begin setup." (If you don't see "Begin setup," but instead see stats on your shared data, click the "Edit Sharing" button.)
3. From the Data Sharing tab, click "Share by Rules." *Be sure to limit sharing to only the schools and students that should be synced and only sections with the appropriate subject.*
4. Share the appropriate student, teacher, school administrator and district administrator data. *Find specifics in the Clever+Checkology Setup Guide.* You can also check the Data Quality tab in your Clever dashboard to see whether you're meeting the required data fields.

3 Wait to hear back… and get excited!

The Checkology team will set up the initial sync and will reach out to you to discuss communicating with the educators who will use Checkology. Woo-hoo!

Need help? Visit our complete setup guide or email us at tech@newslit.org.

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To access these, educators should log in to Checkology and search by resource title, or browse by category or other criteria.

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