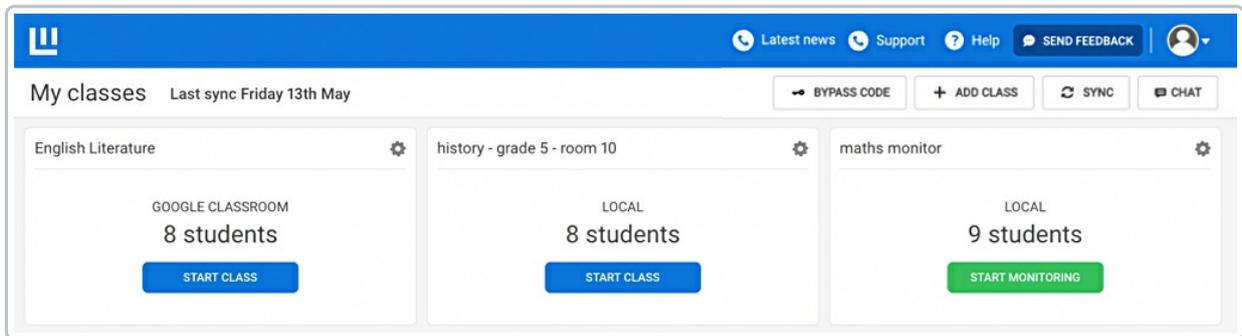# Introduction to Class Types

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> This article is intended for teachers and IT administrators.

Classwize has three class types: **Local**, **Synced**, and **Monitor Only Mode**. Each of these class types has its own specific use, but not all of them may be used by your school.
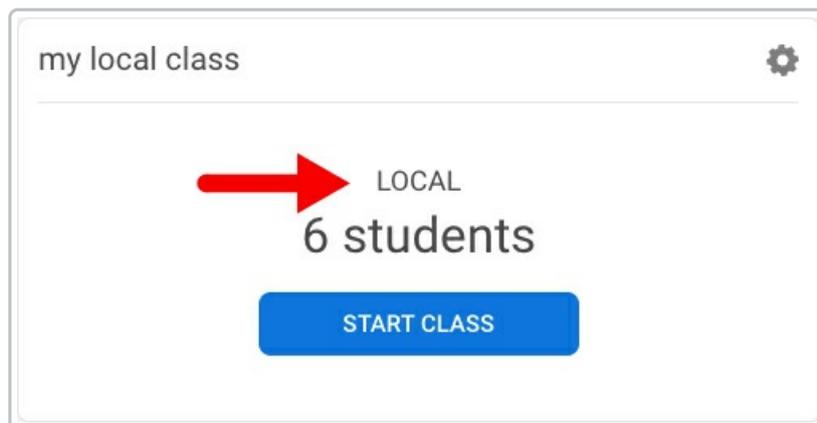

Local Classrooms

Classwize allows you to create local classes from your own Classwize dashboard. With Local classes you can add or remove students and teachers, create schedules, and create class-specific filtering rules.

See Creating New Local Classes for more information on how to create and manage local classes.
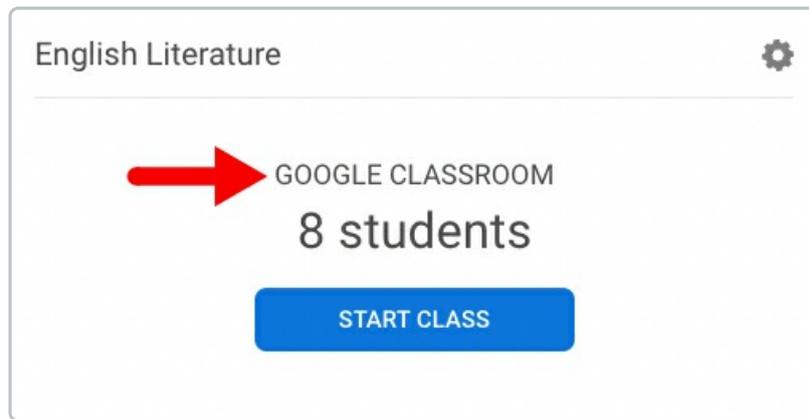
Identifying a Local Classroom

To identify a Local classroom, look for the heading "Local" on the class tile on your My Classes dashboard.

Synced Classrooms

If your school manages classrooms and students centrally using a Student Information System (SIS) like Clever or Wonde, or another tool like Google Classroom or Azure, Classwize will automatically create your classes and manage what students are in them. These are called *Synced Classes*.

Synced classes differ from Local classes in an important way: any changes you make to a Synced class will be reset the next time Classwize syncs with School Manager. This usually happens weekly outside of school hours, but can take place during the school day too.
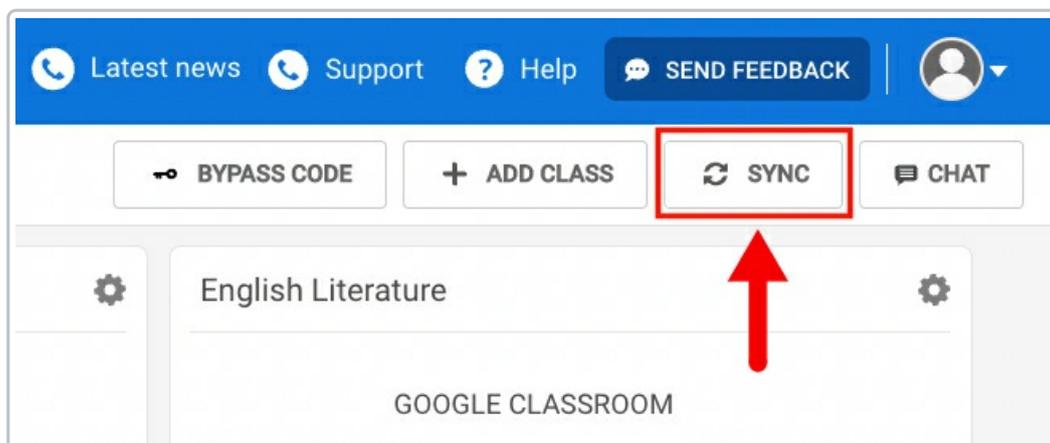
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> If you need to make permanent changes to your Synced classes, contact your school's IT support team. They can usually make these changes for you in the School Information Systems (SIS) tools.
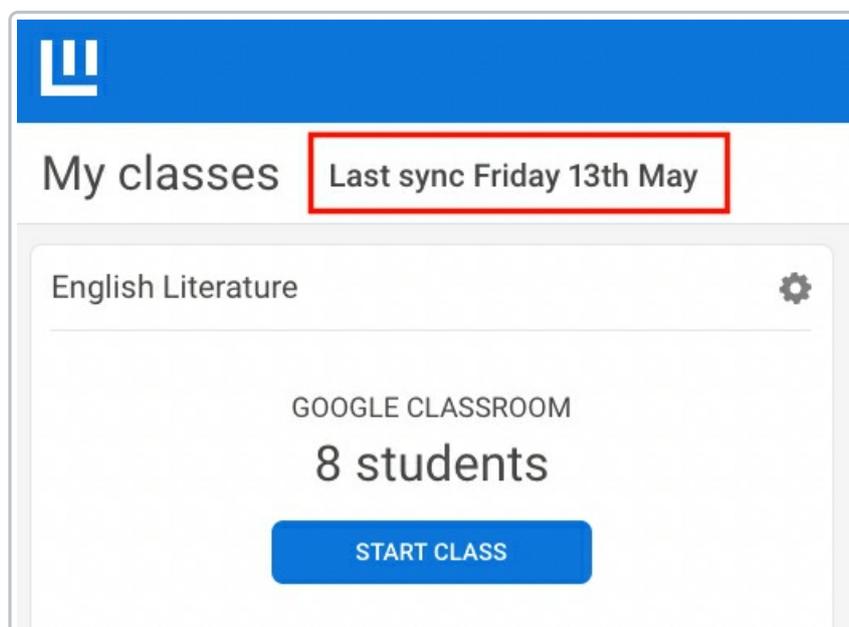
Google Classroom Sync

> **Configuration needed**
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> Syncing with Google Classrooms has to be enabled for your school by Linewize Support through School Manager. To access this feature, contact your school's IT support.

If you use Google Classrooms, you can manually sync your class from within Classwize even without IT administrator access. Other Student Information Systems (SIS) require your IT Support to sync them from School Manager.

In the Classwize dashboard, you will also see the date of the last sync.

See Syncing With Google Classroom for more information about syncing your Classwize classes with Google Classroom.

Identifying a Synced Classroom

Synced classes show a heading that tells you what service or system they are managed in. Local Classes will not sync with Google Classrooms or your school's School Information System.
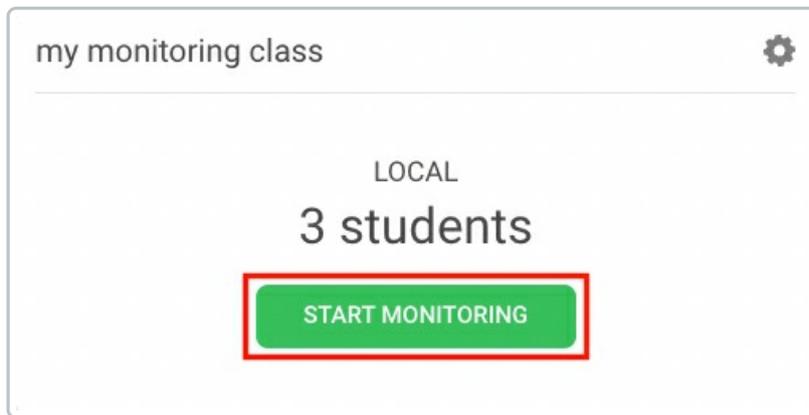
Monitor Only Mode Classrooms

> **Configuration needed**
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Classwize lets you create a special type of local classroom that lets you monitor student activity without impacting any class settings such as rules, except modifying students in the class. This is called a Monitor Only Mode Classroom.

To identify a Monitor Only Mode classroom, look for the green "Start Monitoring" button on the class tile on your My Classes dashboard.

When you start a class on the Classroom view, a banner will also appear on the screen to indicate that the class is in Monitor Only mode.