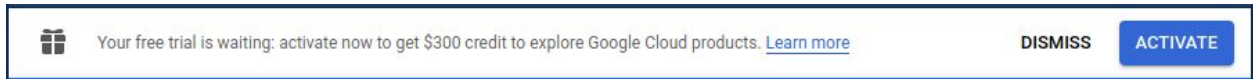


**TL;DR Due to a change in our coupon system, it may be easier for students to sign up for the Free Trial and potentially charge their credit cards. Here's how to avoid that.**

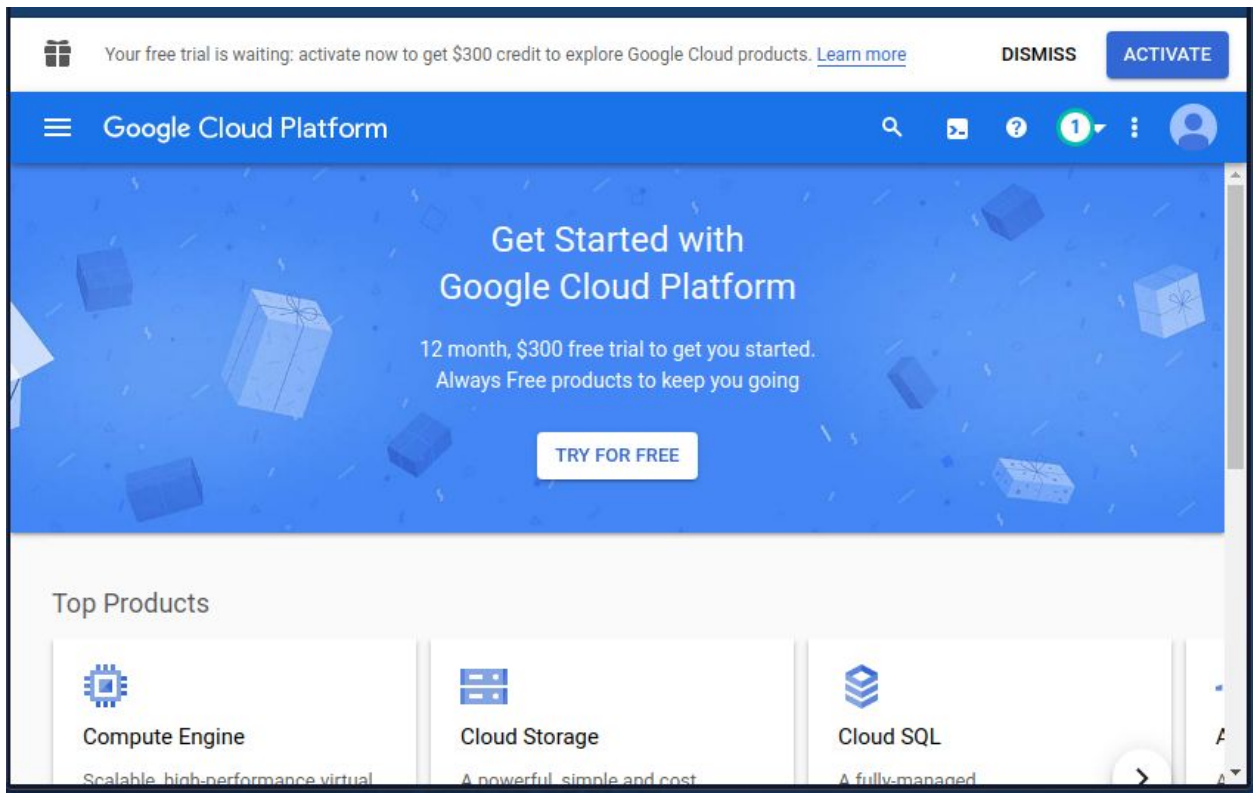
When students log into the Cloud Console (console.cloud.google.com), they may see a banner at the top of the page that looks like:



They should **DISMISS** this. It will be added to the top bar as a gift icon, if they wish to accept it later:



Additionally, if they go to the Getting Started menu there will be an invitation to try the Free Trial. They should **not** click on **ACTIVATE**.



If they activate the Free Trial using the “ACTIVATE” button in the top banner or by pressing the “Try For Free” button, they’ll be taken to a page that asks for a credit card:

**How you pay**

**Automatic payments**

You pay for this service only after you accrue costs, via an automatic charge when you reach your billing threshold or 30 days after your last automatic payment, whichever comes first.

**Payment method** ⓘ

Add credit or debit card ▼

# Card details

☒ Credit or debit card address is same as above

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We ask you for your credit card to make sure you are not a robot. You won't be charged unless you manually upgrade to a paid account.

This *should* be a warning to them that their card may be charged in the future. They should not enter a credit card number unless they are sure they are willing for this to happen.