

Super Website Resources

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This is a collection of websites that are powerful resources that you might use to gather ideas, lesson plans, interactive websites, and links to other great resources. Generally, these websites have a large amount of resources and links to others that can quickly be used to aid teaching and student learning. Many of these are 'One-Stop-Shopping' type sites, with many offering great depth to multiple content areas and grade levels. Some of these sites are subscription sites, not all Reynoldsburg City Schools will have access, unfortunately. These are links, click on the blue URL (website address) to go to that specific website. Please email Charlie Carpenter if you have any questions or some fantastic resources you would like to share, ccarpenter@reyn.org.

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<http://ohiotreasurechest.org/>

Ohio Treasure Chest is a great resource site created and maintained by North Canton City Schools, Ohio. You are able to find specific resources by standard and indicator for each grade level and content area. This is a wonderful place to start when planning a lesson to integrate the use of technology and the Internet. [A great resource, K-12.](#)

The Nettling Newsline

<http://www.leslienettling.com/>

Leslie Nettling.com is a website created by a Dayton, Ohio area 5th grade teacher. Many of the materials are related to 4th-6th grades, but there are many links to other great resources. Lesson plans, teaching ideas, games, website links, it is all here – and more! This is an ever growing site. [A great resource, K-12, but most useful to teachers of the middle levels, 4-6.](#)



<http://www.sadlier-oxford.com/>

Sadlier-Oxford is a great resource allowing students, parents, and teachers to find materials and website links to great items for every content area. There are activities and games that can be used. [A great resource, K-12.](#)



<http://www.pppst.com/>

Pete's Power Point Station is a great website loaded with Power Point presentations ready for downloading and use in your classroom. These are teacher created Power Point presentations from all content areas. It is recommended that you preview them prior to viewing in your classroom to make sure it matches the standards, indicators, and teaching style. [A fantastic resource, K-12!](#)

<http://mrcarpenterstech.com/>

Mr. Carpenter's Tech was created by a Reynoldsburg teacher, this site is ever growing to cover all content and grade level areas. There are some great math resources for grades 3-5 and some tutorials for various technology related applications that can be used in technology integration. A great resource for grades 3-5 math, but aiming to cover everything K-12.



<http://www.readingresource.net/>

Reading Resource.net was created by two Reynoldsburg teachers. This site is a great resource for reading related materials and strategies, specializing in dyslexia. There are downloadable and printable resources, and videos demonstrating reading strategies for beginning readers. You will also find great links to other educational resources. A great resource for grades K-6, but can be useful for special needs and ELL students K-12.



<http://www.internet4classrooms.com/>

Internet 4 Classrooms is a wonderful website full of great resources related to using the Internet in your teaching. Lesson plans, games, printable activities, ideas, and online lessons just to name a few. This is a very comprehensive website, covering all grade levels and all content areas. Great for K-12.



http://www.linkslearning.org/Home/_index.html

Links Learning is a website covering resources for many content and grade level areas. There are different sections for students, parents, teachers, and administrators. You can find lesson plan ideas, games, instructional videos, and more. Many resource links to other valuable websites and information. Great for K-12.



<http://www.ohiorc.org/>

Ohio Resource Center contains great resources for Math, Science, and English Language Arts. You can become a member of this website for free, then get newsletters and related educational information e-mailed to you. A great resource for any Ohio teacher, K-12.



<http://www.thinkfinity.org/>

Thinkfinity is an organization through Verizon Wireless Foundation. This site has some very innovative interactive games, activities, and resources available to teachers. There are links to other great websites offering educational resources. Great for K-12.



<http://www.smartconsortium.org/>

SMART Consortium is a website dedicated to improving instruction in Math and Science, K-12. Lots of information on 21st Century Skills, leadership, and professional development related to the teaching of Math and Science in Ohio. A great resource for K-12 Math and Science teachers.



<http://www.itsco.org/>

ITSCO is non-profit organization supported by the state of Ohio, serving counties in central Ohio. This site allows you to become a free member, gaining access to newsletters and upcoming events. Reynoldsburg City Schools is a member, allowing access to Professional Development for the integration of technology into lessons. Great for K-12 teachers.



<http://www.aaamath.com/>

AAA Math.com is a great math resource and learning tool for students K-8. This site breaks down every math skill into grade level appropriate chunks. There are tutorials and lessons, games, and practice activities for these math indicators. Useful site as homework, workshops, or whole class computer lab practice. Designed for math grades K-8.



<http://www.renzullilearning.com>

Renzulli Learning is a fantastic website that is great for individualized and differentiated instruction. Students fill out a profile, which helps determine which activities and the level of difficulty the student will receive. Teachers can give certain content to parts of the class, allowing easy differentiation. This site is very interactive, giving great, real-life problems, guided lessons, activities, and games. Teachers have great control over this virtual learning site, also allowing parents and students to access from home. This is a subscription site, so only some RCS buildings have access. Great for K-12.



<http://smarttech.com/trainingcenter/>

SMART Tech is the official SMART Board website. There are great training resources for SMART Board, as well as some ready-to-use lessons for use with SMART Board software, Notebook 10. The ready-made lesson plans cover all content areas and grade levels. To use the ready-made lesson plans, you will need to have Notebook 10 software installed on your computer, which is only available if your building has SMART Boards. This is a great site for SMART Board users, K-12.

<http://school.discoveryeducation.com/schrockguide/index.html>

Kathy Schrock's Guide for Educators is a wonderful teacher resource site. Created by a teacher, for teachers. You will find a large number of great resource links to other valuable websites for lesson plans, student activities, interactive games, practice, and much more. A fabulous site for teachers of K-12.



<http://rubistar.4teachers.org/index.php>

Rubistar is a fantastic website that allows you free access to design rubrics on their website. Registration is free, and it allows you to save your new rubric online for a access anywhere. There are many rubrics already designed and ready for you to use for free. Great for grades K-12.



<http://www.techtrekers.com/>

Tech Trekers is a great resource site, created by a former teacher, now an Educational Consultant. You can find great resource information and links for all content and grade levels. There is a strong presence of technology related resources housed here, specifically designed to help teachers integrate technology into their teaching. Fantastic for teachers of grades K-12.

Web 2.0: Cool Tools for Schools

<http://cooltoolsforschools.wikispaces.com/>

Web 2.0: Cool Tools for Schools is a wonderful website with hundreds of educational technology links to resources, tools, lessons, games, and other websites for teachers. Most all of the links and resources found on this site are annotated, giving you some detailed idea of what you will find with that link. There are many downloadable programs linked here, with many being open source and free. Great for the average classroom teacher, and amazing for the technology savvy teacher who wants to find more and alternative resources. Wonderful for teachers of any grade, K-12.



<http://www.infohio.org/>

INFOhio is an educational resource center for students, teachers and parents. INFOhio is a FREE resource for education that is funded by the State of Ohio. This is a fabulous website containing resources for virtually every subject. Teachers can seek out lesson plan resources, locate and register for PD and graduate credit, and find helpful websites to direct students to for assistance. Many of these links and resources direct you to other fantastic websites that are full of resources. Username is think, password is infohio. This is an excellent resource for teachers and parents of students in grades K-12.



<http://www.nettrekker.com>

NetTrekker is a website similar to INFOhio, a resource hub that directs teachers to valuable content. NetTrekker is a subscription site, but for the 2009-2010 school year, all RCS buildings have a subscription and unique log-in credentials. NetTrekker has a portfolio that you can put together, bookmarking your favorite resources found. This site has resources for all subject and grade level areas, it is neatly broken into groups so you can quickly and easily find the content you are searching. This is a great website resource for teachers of grades K-12.



<http://www.pd360.com>

PD360 is a Professional Development resource that contain videos of interview of educational experts, conferences, examples of teachers teaching a specific style or method, and collaboration networks for you to increase and share your knowledge with other educators. Teachers can view video clips, then keep a journal of your thoughts, answering some leading questions to help you implement ideas learned in the PD videos. Teachers can start question threads where others can respond and begin discussion, or you can share resources that you've used with other educators. PD360 is a subscription site, but RCS currently has a subscription, with all teachers having their own unique log-in credentials. Click [here](#) for information on log-in and your password for your initial visit to PD360. This is a great PD resource for teachers of any grade, K-12.



<http://www.learninga-z.com/>

Learning A-Z is a great website offering links and resources to help primary and elementary aged students with literacy skills. This is a subscription website, and not all RCS buildings have purchased this subscription. Learning A-Z links you to more specific, but related websites owned and operated by Learning A-Z; some of those websites are [Reading A-Z](#), [Raz-Kids](#), [Reading-Tutors](#), [Vocabulary A-Z](#), [Writing A-Z](#), and [Science A-Z](#). You can find lesson ideas, activities, student worksheets, and handouts on these related websites. This site was developed by two educators who wanted to create and house resources for teachers. Learning A-Z is a website best serving primary and elementary ages, grades P-5, but helpful for any age ESL students.



<http://www.teachengineering.org/>

TEACH Engineering is a great resource website for math and science. The focus of this website is integrating the engineering aspect into projects and lessons, making this a great resource for STEM teachers and planning. These resources are free, standards-based, and mapped to content standards. You can find great ideas and lesson plans that you can quickly integrate into your teaching repertoire. The activities and ideas are hands-on, connecting real-world engineering problems that are relevant to the daily life of students. A great resources for math and science teachers of grades K-12.



<http://www.readwritethink.org/>

Read Write Think is a free website sponsored by the Thinkfinity Verizon Foundation that aims to

help reading and language arts instruction by providing teachers and parents with resources and ideas. You are able to search by grade level and resource area to help you find specific materials. There are great lesson planning ideas, resources to use in your classroom, activities, and interactive websites for students to enjoy. This is a resource that is greatly helpful for K-12 teachers of reading and language arts.



<http://voicethread.com/>

Voice Thread is a fabulous Web 2.0 application that can be used to allow students to collaborate and share their work, or teachers to collaborate with others, or as a form of Professional Development. Voice Thread is free and educators can have more flexibility in its use, however you can purchase further abilities with a subscription fee. Voice Thread is similar to a discussion board or blog that allows you to leave a comment in several different ways: voice using a microphone, voice using your telephone, voice and video using your webcam, voice from an audio recording, typed response, and drawing on an image. When you create the master thread, you can upload video, graphics, and voice that your group (class, teacher group, or Personal Learning Network) can respond with their comments. Voice Thread is highly interactive and is becoming more popular in many circles, especially education. This is a fantastic resource for grades K-12, but probably more useful to grades 4-12.

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<http://school.discoveryeducation.com/>

United Streaming (Discovery Education) is a great site with viewable videos on many different topics. However, this is a subscription site, your building may have a school username/password. It is recommended that you preview the specific video prior to showing to your class. A great resource K-12.



<http://www.schooltube.com/>



<http://www.teachertube.com/>

School Tube and Teacher Tube are great sites that are similar to YouTube. The great difference is these two sites are videos made by teachers, for teachers. These are free sites to use, and you can even contribute your own videos. It is recommended that you preview the specific video prior to showing to your class. Great resources, K-12.



<http://www.youtube.com/>

YouTube is a website that allows anyone to post videos of any topic and content area. Where YouTube can be a fabulous resource in the classroom because there is video content on any content area, YouTube can also be very detrimental to the classroom setting because you can find very inappropriate content. Many school districts, including Reynoldsburg City Schools, blocks YouTube because of the great level of inappropriate content. If you would like to view YouTube videos in the classroom, please refer to the instructions at the very top of this document. When viewing any video in class, please preview the video. You also might want to consider the maturity level of your students before viewing any video. Very useful tool for grades K-12.



<http://www.hulu.com/>

Hulu is a website that offers free video clips and full-length TV episodes and movies. Some districts, including Reynoldsburg City Schools has Hulu blocked. This can be a great opportunity for you to show a few minute clip of something that ties in well with your content. This site does not have every TV show or movie, but it does have a large amount. You will not be able to download these videos, doing so will likely only record the advertisements. Potential great use for any grade, K-12.



<http://www.fancast.com/>

Fancast is a website very much like Hulu, noted directly above. A website offering free video clips, full-length TV episodes, and movies. Some districts, including Reynoldsburg City Schools has Fancast blocked. This can be a great opportunity for you to show a few minute clip of something that ties in well with your content. This site does not have every TV show or movie, but it does have a large amount. You will not be able to download these videos, doing so will likely only record the advertisements. Potential great use for any grade, K-12.



<http://www.brainpop.com/>

BrainPOP is a great, interactive website. This site is full of interactive lessons and games. This is a subscription website, and only some RCS buildings have purchased a log-in. Students can use this site from home when the teacher gives them a valid username and password. This is great for grades K-12.



<http://www.wviz.org/>

WVIZ Idea Stream is a PBS website is from the Cleveland, Ohio area. WVIZ contains streamed videos on topics such as educational, cultural, arts and drama, nature and science, history, news, current events, and educational children's programming. Current events are easily covered for grades 3-8, with NewsDepth helping teachers meet academic content standards in language arts and social studies. This site is helpful K-12, with different sections of the website K-3, 3-8, and 9-12.



<http://www.archive.org/>

Internet Archive is a comprehensive website with videos, images, moving images, music, and text – all archived for easy searching. This Internet Library is very helpful for anyone doing research, collaborating with the Library of Congress and the Smithsonian. Great resource for grades K-12.



<http://www.cnn.com/studentnews/>

CNN Student News is a ten-minute, commercial-free, daily news program for middle school through high school students. Produced by journalists and educators at CNN, this site and companion educational sites are free. There are teachers materials available, with daily transcripts. You can download the streamed video or podcast. CNN Student News provides downloadable maps and a 'Media Literacy Question of the Day' during each episode. This would be very helpful addressing current events, also lending itself well to integration with the several topics addressed each day. Fantastic video resource for grades 5-12.



<http://video.pbs.org/>

PBS Video is a website with a fantastic collection of educational videos produced by PBS. These are free videos covering a variety of topic areas, lending themselves well to many of the academic content standards and integration between content areas. There are links on this page directing you back to the main PBS homepage, there you can find many teacher resources, games, downloadable materials, and links to other educational resources. A great resources for any grade K-12.



<http://www.channelone.com/>

Channel One News is a website aiming to provide educational news that is relevant and engaging for teenagers. A 12-minute news broadcast is viewed across the country, using youthful reporters and contemporary music. Channel One News is a free resource to its member schools. This is a great resource for students in grades 5-12.



<http://studyjams.scholastic.com>

StudyJams, a part of Scholastic, is a fabulous place for Math and Science. Many interactive video components that are engaging, fun, and educational. Great visuals for many science cycles that are designed to help teach vocabulary and processes. Math algorithms are here as well, sing-along karaoke and vocabulary to help teach concepts of various standards. This site is a great place for teachers to use as a resource in the classroom, and for students to utilize from home. Wonderful specifically for grades 3-7, but useful for grades K-12.



<http://www.screencast-o-matic.com/>

Screencast-O-Matic is a website that allows you to create a Screen Cast, or video, using your computer screen easy and FREE. Screen Casting, similar to Podcasting, except in video format as well, is a great way to provide software tutorials, homework help, project examples and clarification, and much more. Screen Casting combined with some Instructional Design is a fantastic way to reach students, parents, and teachers in a new and exciting way. Record your video without audio (sound), or use your microphone to add your voice. Render (save) your video in various formats for use on mp4 players (iPod, Zune), computers, e-mail, and websites. <http://www.screentoaster.com/> is another, similar website for Screen Casting. Downloadable programs are available as well: [CamStudio](#) (free), [Camtasia](#) (cost), [Captive](#) (cost), and others. This is a fabulous resource and way to enrich experiences for students, parents, and teacher colleagues in grades K-University.

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<http://www.funbrain.com/>

Funbrain is a great website full of educational games that can be used to reinforce skills and lessons taught in the classroom. This is a great site to use for students at home, or if you want a fun activity to use in a workshop activity or as a class trip to the computer lab. Especially useful for grades K-6.



<http://www.smartygames.com/>

Smarty Games is a great website with a large number of FREE fun and educational games for children. Academically aligned games on subjects such as math, money, time, reading, counting and colors for various grade levels K-5 are found here. Analytical and critical thinking games like mazes, Sudoku, memory, and puzzles are found as well. Fun games like connect the dots and dress-up would be valuable for students K-2 to learn, use, and apply different counting and coloring skills. The games on this website appear to be designed by software engineers and teachers. This would be a fabulous resource for anyone grades K-5.



<http://www.spellingcity.com/>

Spelling City is a great website dedicated to Spelling. You can create a free log-in, create and save word lists, automatically put those new word lists into interactive learning games, create activity printouts, and give spelling tests on this website. When giving a spelling test, the student can hear the word read individually and in a sentence. You can even share your personalized word lists with other teachers in your building. A great resource for grades K-6, but can be useful K-12 for ELL.



<http://www.vocabulary.co.il/>

A vocabulary building website. Creative and interactive games that help engage students in learning vocabulary words, build phonics skills, and learn the English Language. Great for grades K-6, but can be useful for K-12 for ELL.



<http://www.brainpop.com/>

BrainPOP is a great, interactive website. This site is full of interactive lessons and games. This is a subscription website, and only some RCS buildings have purchased a log-in. Students can use this site from home when the teacher gives them a valid username and password. This is great for grades K-12.



<http://www.studyisland.com/>

Study Island is a website designed to meet Ohio Academic Content Standards. Students log-in and have access to guided lessons, practice, games connected with practice, and the ability to take assessments where the data is recorded for analysis in Study Island. There are all content areas available, and the wording of questions and lessons is very similar to OAT/OAA language. This is a subscription site, and only some RCS buildings have purchased a log-in. Also, some buildings have chosen to only purchase different content areas. A great resource for grades K-12.

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<http://www.epals.com/>

ePals, Where Learners Connect is a great website for collaboration; students, parents, and teachers are encouraged to join for free. There are projects, forums, specific areas of focus, and more. You can connect and communicate with other teachers and classrooms from around the world. Many teachers on this site appear to be looking for ways to connect and collaborate with you and your classroom of students. You are able to create student email accounts through this website. This would be a great way to connect with other cultures. This is a wonderful resource for any grade, K-12.



<http://www.edmodo.com/>

Edmodo is a Social Networking site for Education. Edmodo provides a way for teachers and students to share notes, links, and files. Teachers also have the ability to send, alerts, events, and assignments to students. Edmodo also has a public component built by allowing at the teachers discretion to post any item to a public timeline at the teacher's discretion. This is a great resource for teachers of grades K-12.



<http://www.ning.com/>

Ning is a social networking site that allows you to create your own social network, or join others already in existence. Ning is free, but does display advertisements throughout. There are numerous Ning sites created for educational purposes for teachers, from content areas to grade level sites. Many school districts have adopted Ning and created a page for their district, allowing teachers to collaborate virtually with their district colleagues. Ning has great potential and awesome resources. Some districts, including RCS, have Ning blocked. Caution, Ning, as a social networking site, has the potential to have misrepresented information and material potentially harmful to different audiences; the material and maturity level on some Ning sites is only as reliable as the individual using and posting information. This is a wonderful resource for teachers K-12 to collaborate with others.



<http://www.facebook.com/>

Facebook is a social networking site that allows people to connect with people, share photos and videos, and play games. Facebook is free, but does display advertisements aimed at information the user adds to their profile. Users are able to set up pages dedicated to various topics, and there are numerous educational pages setup. Some school districts have adopted Facebook and created a page for their district, allowing teachers to collaborate virtually with their district colleagues. Facebook has great potential and awesome resources. Some districts, including RCS, have Facebook blocked. Caution, Facebook, as a social networking site, has the potential to have misrepresented information and material potentially harmful to different audiences; the material and maturity level on some Facebook pages is only as reliable as the individual using and posting information. This is a wonderful resource for teachers K-12 to collaborate with others.

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<http://docs.google.com/>

Google Docs is a free web-based document editor, documents you can write and store online where you can edit from anywhere with an Internet connection. Google Docs allows you to share your work with others, creating different permissions for others to just view, comment on, or completely collaborate on. Google Docs allows you to create text documents (like MS Word), spreadsheets (like MS Excel), presentations (like MS PowerPoint), drawings, calendars, and surveys or forms. Google docs has great potential to be used in the classroom for groups of students working on a project, or as a whole class adding to a notes document or creating a vocabulary word list for the current unit. Google offers a package called [Google Apps](#) that has a few more products in it for a cost. Google Apps allows for contained e-mail for students, blocking e-mail from coming in from outside of the school district designed group. Great for any grade level, K-12.



Writeboard™

<http://writeboard.com/>

Writeboard is a free web-based text editor. Create an online text document, then invite or share the document name with others and they can collaborate in real time. All changes are recorded, so you can revert back to a previous version, or compare changes that different collaborators made. You can share your Writeboard document with anyone so they can view or contribute to your document. This could be used in a fabulous way in the classroom for groups of students working on a project, or as a whole class adding to a notes document or creating a vocabulary word list for the current unit. If a student creates a document and shares it only with the teacher, the teacher can suggest revision, allowing the student to compare their original work with what the teacher has suggested. This is a great collaboration tool for grades K-12.



doingText

LETS TALK ABOUT TEXT

<http://doingtext.com/>

doingText is a free web-based text editor. doingText is very similar to Google Docs and Writeboard, but doingText allows for some private discussions in the form of a chat room or instant message, it can have some cost involved. Free version allows for two collaborators and three private discussions, but you can share the document for viewing with anyone; from \$5 - \$99 a month allows more collaborators and private discussions. This could be used in a fabulous way in the classroom for groups of students working on a project, or as a whole class adding to a notes document or creating a vocabulary word list for the current unit. A viable tool for teachers of grades K-12.



<http://www.wikidot.com/>

Wikidot is a free Wiki for educators, although you can pay for additional services. A Wiki is an online webpage that can have multiple editors or collaborators. Most Wikis are collaborative webpages, allowing users to add, remove, or edit content; but some Wikis are created and used as webpages with only one user capable of editing – usually the teacher. A famous Wiki, [Wikipedia](#), is an online encyclopedia where anyone can add or edit information, therefore Wikis are not the most accurate with information. Here is an [example](#) of a teacher's Wiki, used as a webpage, allowing no other editors/collaborators. Popular uses for Wikis are teachers using them as a 'Word Wall' or running vocabulary list that students contribute definitions to throughout the current unit. This is a useful site for any teacher, K-12.



<http://www.wikispaces.com/>

Wikispaces is a free wiki for educators. Most Wikis are collaborative webpages, allowing users to add, remove, or edit content; but some Wikis are created and used as webpages with only one user capable of editing – usually the teacher. Wikispaces is a Wiki site that allows you to create usernames and assign them as editors to your Wiki, this helps make your classroom Wiki a little more secure, or help you treat your Wikispaces page as a webpage with only you as the editor. A famous Wiki, [Wikipedia](#), is an online encyclopedia where anyone can add or edit content, therefore Wikis are not the most accurate with information. Here is an [example](#) of a teacher's Wiki, used as a webpage, allowing no other editors/collaborators. Popular uses for Wikis are teachers using them as a 'Word Wall' or running vocabulary list that students contribute definitions to throughout the current unit. This is a useful site for any teacher, K-12.



imagination at work

<http://www.imaginationcubed.com/>

Imagination Cubed is an online digital whiteboard, allowing groups of people to draw and create in a collaborative and live manner, created by GE, which is free to use. One person creates a document and shares it with others via an e-mail link, or you can share the link on your webpage or Moodle page with your students. You can save your work and revisit it later. Multiple people can draw simultaneously. This is a great collaboration place for students when working at home, or across the country or world. You can use this resource as a place to share ideas synchronously (live, same time) or asynchronously (different times) before progressing on a paper version of the project. This also has a great potential for online learning or in the event a student is physically unable to come to school. This is a fantastic site for any student or teacher in grades K-12.



<http://www.dabbleboard.com/>

Dabbleboard is an online digital whiteboard, allowing groups of people to draw and create in a collaborative manner. It is very similar to Imagination Cubed, but offers a few more drawing features, as well as the opportunity for additional services with some associated cost; but the drawing and collaboration piece are free. You, and your students, can create a free log-in to this website, then you can share and collaborate on different projects. . Multiple people can draw simultaneously. This is a great collaboration place for students when working at home, or across the country or world. Students can use this resource as a place to share ideas synchronously (live at the same time) or asynchronously (at different times) before progressing on a paper version of the project. This also has a great potential for online learning or in the event a student is physically unable to come to school. This is a fantastic site for any student or teacher in grades K-12.



<http://wiggio.com/>

Wiggio is a very comprehensive and free collaboration website. Wiggio allows you to communicate with e-mail, text, voicemail, host web meetings, conference calls, chatrooms, share calendars, store and edit files in a common folder, and poll the group in real-time. Wiggio is easily interfaced with mobile phones, social networking sites like [Facebook](#), and e-mail. Wiggio appears to be similar to [Google Docs](#) and [Google Apps](#) products, and is packaged in a very attractive and user-friendly website. Wiggio has great potential to be used in the classroom for groups of students working on a project, or as a whole class adding to a notes document or creating a vocabulary word list for the current unit. Wiggio appears to be very easy to navigate, setup, and use. This would be a superb collaboration tool for any student or teacher in grades K-12.



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<http://edublogs.org/>

EduBlogs is a free Blog hosting site for teachers, but you can purchase additional features if desired. This site allows you to create a Blog for your classroom and design it to fit your needs. The free version is supported by the use of advertisements, paying a fee removes those ads and allows a few additional features. Use your classroom blog as a discussion board, journal response, or a place to allow students to ask questions. A great resource for any grade K-12 dependent on use.



<http://www.blogger.com>

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<http://classblogmeister.com/>

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<http://www.bravenet.com>

Bravenet is a valuable site providing free websites and web resources that could easily be used by teachers in the classroom. There are free materials as well as purchasable materials available. You can obtain a domain name (URL, or website address) and use the eye-pleasing tools from this site to make your website look more professional and appealing. A good place to start if you're a beginner looking to start your own website. Good site for teachers K-12.