

Great Web Sites

Free Sites for Teachers/Schools

<http://moodle.org/> This is a resource for creating online courses. It's free and comes with ability to use it in more than 60 languages.

http://teacher.scholastic.com/tools/class_setup/ This site allows you to design your classroom before you start the school year.

Motivation: Did you ever wish you could encourage a student to want to learn. "Teachers need constructive feedback about their teaching methods. It helps them to know which methods to continue and which to abandon."

http://www.inspiringteachers.com/classroom_resources/index.html This site provides strategies for motivating your students to learn and includes links to other sites.

<http://www.getreadytoread.org/pdf/ClassroomChecklist1.pdf> Are you providing a good literacy environment for early learners? This site provides a checklist for what a good environment should look like.

Teaching to Every Student:

http://www.inspiringteachers.com/classroom_resources/articles/curriculum_and_instruction/teaching_strategies.html This page includes strategies for teaching diverse students, differentiated learners, and multiple learning styles.

http://www.hellofriend.org/teaching/good_classroom.html This site offers tips on creating a learning environment conducive to learning for all students.

http://www.cast.org/publications/ncac/ncac_diffinstruc.html This site offers tips on differentiated learning—addressing diverse learning styles—in your classroom. Included is a wealth of research data.

<http://www.ldpride.net/learningstyles.MI.htm> This is a great online survey to assess learning styles. Articles and links to articles are provided to explain ADHD, LD, and more.

<http://www.ed.gov/teachers/how/early/teachingouryoungest/index.html> This site contains information from the U.S. Department of Education regarding education of young children.

Lesson Plans: These sites will include lesson plan ideas and/or good lessons. Some are more detailed than others.

<http://www.readwritethink.org/> Under "Classroom Resources," this site provides lesson plans that include objectives, teaching strategies, outcomes, and more. You select the grade span, the curricular area, and search the site. Also included are web related links, materials needed, and standards addressed.

<http://www.learnnc.org/lessons> Learn North Carolina is a searchable data base of lessons by grade and by curricular area. The lessons are updated on a regular basis. (The Learn North Carolina site is very similar to that of Louisiana's Making Connections.)

<http://www.teachers.net/lessons/posts/1920.html> This site provides lesson ideas submitted by teachers. You can submit to the site, browse the site, and request lesson ideas from others.

<http://ettcweb.lrk12.nj.us/forms/newpoem.htm> This site provides a variety of interactive forms to be used to create a multitude of types of poetry. Included are haikus, rhyming, cinquain, etc.

Rubrics:

<http://rubistar.4teachers.org> The Rubistar site allows you to create your own rubric, edit and save the rubric, and find rubrics that others have created.

Testing:

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/professional/assessment/nopain.htm> This site provides tips for preparing students to take standardized tests.

Guides for Parents:

<http://parentcenter.babycenter.com/> This site provides a variety of resources for parents of children from infancy to 8 years of age. Parents can even personalize information to make their search easier.

http://www.pta.org/topic_parent_involvement.asp Information from the PTA about parental involvement is found at this site. Included is information from a nationally-recognized parental involvement school.

<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/CompactforReading/tablek.html> This site provides tips for parents to use to prepare children for kindergarten.

Professional Development Opportunities:

<http://www.paec.org/teacher2teacher/> This site provides information about professional development opportunities for teachers. It is supported by the U.S. Department of Education.

Some of my Favorite Teaching Websites:

Social Studies:

<http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/> Believing that children can learn better from those who were involved in history, this site provides links to diaries, first person accounts, etc.

http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/web_games.htm Interactive educational games for students to learn states, capitals, countries, etc.

Science:

<http://www.junglewalk.com/frames.asp> This site has some great lessons, activities, materials, animal clips, and animal sounds.

<http://www.ems.psu.edu/~fraser/BadScience.html> This site deals with common misconceptions held by students about specific science concepts. From this site, you will find links to Bad Chemistry, Bad Astronomy, and Bad Meteorology.

Math:

<http://matti.usu.edu/nlvm/nav/vlibrary.html> This site provides a wealth of opportunities for interactive math. If you cannot afford math manipulatives, just want to allow students to review, or want to introduce something new, this site is for you.

<http://www.algebrahelp.com/calculators> Need help with Algebra? This site has some great teaching tools to teach Algebraic reasoning and functions.

<http://www.myparentime.com/calculators/calculators.shtml> Can't afford calculators for everyone? This site provides a wide variety of online calculators, including a typing test, scientific calculator, element chart, and more.

Language Arts:

<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/CompactforReading/table3.html> This site provides information about what 3rd graders should know and learn in order to read. For those of you who work with early readers, this site provides some excellent downloadable books. Check it out.

<http://www.readinga-z.com/newfiles/preview.html> Although it is largely a commercial site, this site has some great, free downloadable books, including: Itsy Bity Spider, Farm Animals, Go Animals Go, etc.

http://www.meddybemps.com/letterary/guide_and_archives.html A spider shows young children how to form letters correctly and gives them a chance to practice online.

<http://www.storyplace.org/preschool/activities/musiconstory.asp?themeid=15> Pre-K through 1st graders will enjoy this series of small online stories and songs.

<http://www.storyplace.org/preschool/activities/colorstory.asp?themeid=3> This site is for pre-schoolers and provides word recognition, stories, art work, etc.

http://curry.edschool.virginia.edu/go/wil/classroom_instruction.htm#Weekly_Instruction This site provides a "Book a Week" lessons for books used with the Headstart program.

<http://www.shreve-lib.org> Click on Tumblebooks to read ebooks online.

General:

<http://eduscapes.com/tap/topic73.htm> This site explains graphic organizers and provides links to graphic organizer sites on the web.

<http://www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer/index.html> Graphic organizers are provided by Scholastic.

Technology:

http://www.apte.com/puzzles/index.cfm?action=dsp_home&CFID=26262390&CFTOKEN=87160468 This site allows you to create great puzzles and share them with others.

<http://www.techteachers.com/resourcetable.htm> This "digital filing cabinet" provides way to integrate technology into the curriculum as well as resources for various curricular areas

MORE GREAT Web Sites		
Link to Site	Content Area or Use	Description
education world	Cross-Curricular	Great site for many resources such as problem of the day, technology, lesson plans, assessment, etc
education world	Cross-Curricular	5-minute classroom fillers that are excellent discussion, enrichment, or just fun activities.

FunBrain	Cross-Curricular	Great website for diverse learners.
HeadlineSpot	Cross-Curricular	Breaks down the news paper.
Teacher tools	Cross-Curricular	Great website for classroom help. Read the post about how the website has changed.
Teach-nology	Cross-Curricular	This website is a great resource for all subject areas
"Wacky Web Tales"	ELA	A fun way to practice Parts of Speech. Students provide nouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, exclamations, etc. to create a "Wacky Tale." My students love this activity. It's also fun to let them illustrate them.
A Puzzle a Day	ELA	A puzzle a day is a seven piece Scrabble letter used to create words using just the tiles provided. Puzzles are brain food and this activity can be used as a bell ringer.
abcteach	ELA	reading comprehension by grades
Education World	ELA	Here you will find <i>hundreds</i> of ready-to-print student work sheets. Click on the links below to access the work sheets of Education World's printable library. (Actually, go to the Home Page and start from scratch—this is a treasury of resources!)
I Spy Shapes	ELA	StoryPlace offers children the opportunity to view online stories, participate in interactive activities, and print activity pages. There is also an annotated booklist for each theme.
PBSKIDS	ELA	Students are able to create comic strips
Read-Write-Think	ELA	High quality resources in reading and language arts instruction.
Story Starters	ELA	Story starters for young writers
Education Place: Wacky Web Tales	ELA	Students can submit their own tales (Grades 3 – 8)
Education Place: Fake Out	ELA	Guess the definition of a word or create your own definitions.
Brain Boosters	General Information	Brain Boosters offers online activities for your kids including educational games and brain teasers: Number and Math Play; A Pocket Full of Coins; Escape Hatch; Family Ties; Flat Tire; Z; All in the Family; Alphabet Challenge; and more.
Thinkfinity	General Information	Great lesson plans and other educational resources

National Council of Teachers of English	General Information	This link gives information to teachers of English. Teachers are provided information about NCTE publications, articles, upcoming conferences at the state and national levels, book lists, censorship, lesson plans, etc. It is an excellent source.
Pieces (From the Louisiana Department of Education)	General Information	This learning module is designed to provide Louisiana's new teachers understanding and assistance in planning instruction for the wide range of individual differences among learners. Pieces contains a learning style diagnosis, an inventory of perceptual learning styles, and accommodation strategies for students and schools. (Outstanding resource!)
Proteacher	General Information	This is a great place to find lesson plans and teaching ideas
Strategies for Effective Teaching in the 21st Century	General Information	Designed to assist new teachers in their understanding of the Louisiana Components of Effective Teaching, Strategies for Effective Teaching in the 21st Century includes over 1,000 innovative ideas to increase the achievement of Louisiana's students.
What is HOT?	General Information	This learning module is designed to provide Louisiana's teachers understanding and assistance in planning instruction to develop higher-order thinking skills. The activities included - designed to promote problem-solving and decision-making -are essential to the improvement of student achievement.
BJ Pinchbeck's Homework Helper	General Information	Contains hundreds of links to sites that help students with homework
Yahooligans	General Information	The web guide for kids! Features information games, jokes, news, sports, reference, and more.
Kindergarten – Getting Students Connected	Kindergarten	Educational Resources and Interactive Activities for students in kindergarten, all in one easy to use page designed for kids. Help with homework either at school or at home.
Creating Graphs	Math	This site allows students to create a virtual graph and graph data on the creation.
dositey.com	Math	This provides the student with making up their own math fact problems with a visual. Wonderful.
eThemes	Math	Hands-on games to understand the concepts of fractions.

Virtual Manipulatives	Math	This website has a host of virtual manipulatives to use in the math classroom!
Math Fundamentals: Problem of the Week	Math	Solve a weekly online problem.
Elementary Math sites	Math	A collection of links compiled by the Tucson Unified School District
National Data Buoy Center	Science	This site gives not only weather forecasts for marine areas, but gives real-time data for all coastal areas.
Ben's Guide to U. S. Government	Social Studies	Fun activities, games, and lessons to teach kids in K-12 about US Government!!
Best History Sites	Social Studies	Best of History Web Sites is an award-winning portal that contains annotated links to over 1200 history web sites as well as links to hundreds of quality K-12 history lesson plans, history teacher guides, history activities, history games, history quizzes, and more.
Class Brain	Social Studies	Click on the Reports button for geography and facts about the United States. Great for doing state reports.