

A Hotlist Providing an Overview of Instructional Technology

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Introduction

The links below are a sample of the web resources available for the teacher who wants to use instructional technology well. Browse the sites for fun and to learn about some outstanding possibilities for your own growth in the use of technology. Of course this is only a small sample of hundreds and hundreds of wonderful online resources! Please help us add to this list of resourceful sites by emailing your favorite educational sites to Debbie Pender (dgpender@lincolnschools.org).

The Internet Resources

Resources for Louisiana Teachers

TLTC	http://www.doe.state.la.us/lde/lcet/2040.html
A regional Teaching, Learning, Technology Center provides training in your area. Find out where it is.	
Making Connections	http://mconn.doe.state.la.us/
MC is your "one stop shop" for lesson plans connected to standards, software reviews, web sites, and test items. A Builder allows you to build your own standards-based lesson.	
Instructional Resources	http://www.doe.state.la.us/lde/saa/1407.html
This site includes model lessons for implementing the Louisiana Content Standards and assessment materials with sample LEAP and GEE questions.	
Teach Louisiana	http://www.teachlouisiana.net/
This career development network for teachers offers certification information, a recruitment center, and a professional development center.	
Technology Professional Development	http://www.louisianaschools.net/lde/pd/322.html
All state professional development opportunities along with contact information can be found at this website.	
UDL	http://www.doe.state.la.us/lde/lcet/399.html
Universal Designs for Learning is an initiative for educators who are committed to improving educational outcomes for all learners.	

Lesson Plan Collections

The Educator's Reference Desk	http://www.eduref.org/
This site contains the thousands of lesson plans for every subject that were once posted at AskERIC (closed December, 2003).	
Teachnology	http://teach-nology.com/
Teachnology provides free and easy to use resources for teachers dedicated to improving the education of today's generation of students.	

The Gateway to Educational Materials	http://www.thegateway.org/
The Gateway to Educational Materials Project is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education and is "the key to one-stop, any-stop access to high quality lesson plans, curriculum units and other education resources on the Internet."	
Lesson Planet	http://tinyurl.com/cjzdp7
This is the home of over 150,000+ teacher reviewed Lesson Plans	
The New York Times Learning Network	http://www.nytimes.com/learning/
The New York Times posts a lesson plan daily; the plans are archived and searchable. Each plan is complete and ready to teach, even including links to national and state standards.	
TeachersFirst.com	http://www.teachersfirst.com/matrix.htm
Find the subject and grade level you're searching for, then click in the appropriate box for web resources and lesson plans to match your needs.	
Standards	
Louisiana Content Standards	http://www.doe.state.la.us/lde/saa/1222.html
Download Louisiana Content Standards documents.	
ISTE National Educational Technology Standards (NETS) Projects	http://cnets.iste.org/
The site features technology standards and profiles for students, teachers and administrators.	
Achieve	http://www.achieve.org
Created in 1996 by the nation's governors and corporate leaders, Achieve is an independent, bipartisan, non-profit education reform organization based in Washington, D.C. that helps states raise academic standards and graduation requirements, improve assessments and strengthen accountability.	
Developing Educational Standards	http://edstandards.org/Standards.html
This site, developed by Putnam Valley Central Schools in New York, is a comprehensive site with links to national and state standards by subject and state as well as links to the US Department of Education, all state departments of education, national standards setting organizations, and standards background information.	
McREL Compendium	http://www.mcrel.org/standards-benchmarks/
This site is a compilation of content standards for K-12 curriculum in both searchable and browseable formats.	
WebQuest Examples Page	
WebQuest Portal	http://webquest.org/
Bernie Dodge and Tom March have been helping teachers understand how to use the Internet in their classrooms since 1995. WebQuests are teacher created activities that encourage engaged learning and higher order thinking. Browse Top, Middling, and New for lessons you can use.	
Web Tools	
Rubistar	http://rubistar.4teachers.org/
Create your own rubrics (scoring tools) for Oral Projects, Multimedia, Research & Writing, or Work Skills quickly and easily.	
TrackStar	http://trackstar.4teachers.org/trackstar/index.jsp
TrackStar is a tool that allows teachers to create directed web surfing activities.	

Landmarks for Schools	http://www.landmark-project.com
David Warlick's site for teachers includes a Citation Machine, a Rubric Builder, and a Permission Request form.	
Quia!	http://www.quia.com
This learning game collection provides a fun way to help students review a wide variety of topics. Visitors can create their own java-enabled flashcard drills, matching games, concentration, and word search puzzles using a simple editing tool. Try Quia free for 30 days; join for a nominal annual fee.	
Nicenet	http://nicenet.org
Create a school website here, free.	
Free Tools for Teachers	http://www.suelebeau.com/freetools.htm
A huge collection of web tools are linked from this site.	
Web 2.0 Tools	
Delicious	http://delicious.com
This free online tool allows you save your bookmarks so that you can access them from wherever you are.	
Mindomo	http://www.mindomo.com/
Mindomo is a versatile Web-based mind mapping tool, delivering the capabilities of desktop mind mapping software in a Web browser - with no complex software to install or maintain. Create, edit mind maps, and share them with your colleagues or your friends.	
Google Docs	www.docs.google.com
Free web-based word processor and spreadsheet, presentation application which allow you share and collaborate online.	
WetPaint	http://wetpaint.com
Here, you can create websites that mix all the best features of wikis, blogs, forums and social networks into a rich, user-generated community based around the whatever-it-is that rocks your socks. A social website that's so easy to use, anyone can participate.	
Twitter	http://www.twitter.com
Twitter is a free social networking and micro-blogging service that enables its users to send and read other users' updates known as tweets. Twitter is blocked on Lincoln Parish School Board's network; however, teachers may want to check out educational resources and join fellow educator "tweeters" from home.	
Online References	
Encyclopedia.com	http://www.encyclopedia.com/
"Because knowledge is cool," the site includes Today in History.	
InfoPlease.com	http://www.infoplease.com/
The Information Please Almanac contains information and statistics on a wide variety of subjects.	
Fact Monster	http://www.kids.infoplease.com
This is InfoPlease for children.	
HyperHistory	http://www.hyperhistory.com/
Take the link to the HyperHistory interactive time line of 3000 years of history with links to related sites.	
Internet Public Library	http://www.ipl.org
This site is run by librarians to serve the public by selecting and organizing quality information resources.	
Library of Congress	http://marvel.loc.gov
The LOC has a wealth of resources on many subjects including links to other U.S. government sites. Check out American Memories for lesson plans.	

Smithsonian Institution	http://www.si.edu
You'll find selected images and documents from the SI Collection.	
Worldbook Online	http://www.worldbookonline.com
Please check with your school librarian for the login and password information.	
Curriculum Projects	
Ask an Expert	http://www.refdesk.com/expert.html
Here are links to people in many fields who are willing to answer questions.	
Ask Dr. Math	http://mathforum.org/dr.math/dr-math.html
The Math Forum at Drexel answers math questions.	
Journey North	http://www.learner.org/jnorth/
Each spring students track and share information on animals and seasonal changes.	
KidLink	http://www.kidlink.org
This is a site containing mailing lists and other resources for teachers who want to set up learning dialogs for their students.	
KidPub	http://www.kidpub.org/kidpub/
This is a place for kids to publish stories and read those written by other kids.	
Short List of Teacher Favorites	
ABC Teach	http://www.abcteach.com
This is a place for students, parents, student teachers and teachers.	
Blue Web'n	http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/bluewebn/
Web sites are categorized by subject area and type; a weekly e-mail reviews a few new recommended sites.	
FunBrain	http://www.funbrain.com/
Games for kids cover the whole curriculum. If the site is blocked, please submit a request to have it unblocked, and please let us know what day(s) you plan to use FunBrain in your classroom.	
Kathy Schrock's Guide for Educators	http://discoveryschool.com/schrockguide/
This rich source of lesson plans, information, and curriculum-related web links for teachers is updated daily.	
Scholastic Network	http://teacher.scholastic.com/index.htm
This site is full of online projects, lesson plans and wonderful things for students and teachers.	
Teach-nology	http://www.teach-nology.com/
Teach-nology is a favorite portal for teachers. You'll find lesson plans, rubric makers, puzzle makers, free work sheets, and other good things.	
WWW 4 Teachers	http://www.4teachers.org/
The site has an indexed collection of resources created by teachers for teachers.	
Best `Zine	
From Now On	http://www.fno.org
Jamie McKenzie's monthly online magazine contains articles for educators concerning new ideas and topics in the educational technology field.	