

Free Web Resources for Designing Instruction

Iowa AEA Online

- Free resources online for Iowa Educators
- www.iowaaeaonline.org

Learn360

- Resources online for Educators
- www.learn360.com

Google Apps: now that you have a Google Account take advantage of all of its integrated web-based Apps. They all have the same password and they all can interact with each other.

- **Blogspot:** free blog design and hosting
- **Google Sites:** free web and hosting
- **Google Docs:** upload and collaborate on documents, presentations, spreadsheets, and now videos
- **Google Reader:** construct your own information feed, follow blogs, news sites, and anything that posts new content. This is a great way to stay on top of educational technology, current research and trends in your specialization of education. It delivers and suggests new content in concise blurbs, giving you the Spark Notes version of what is up.
- **Gmail:** is coming to be the accepted email address to put on resumes after you have lost your University account.
- **Google Calendars:** keep your own personal calendars, or construct classroom calendars to share information with your parents (you can make public calendars and embed them in your class website)
- **Picasa Web Albums:** Free online photos storage, presentation, and organization. Similar to Flickr or Photobucket.

Web Design and Publishing: Do ePortfolio work from home or wherever.

IPSwitch 12 (free)

- File transfer and data uploading software to manually put content on the web.
- http://www.ipswitchft.com/Products/Ws_Ftp_Pro/Evaluation.aspx?k_id=progoogle&gclid=COyxj8fPmqgCFcW8Kgod72ollw

Sharepoint Designer 2007

- Website publisher. Create web content, add links, and insert pictures and media. Design your own website.
- <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/en/details.aspx?FamilyID=baa3ad86-bfc1-4bd4-9812-d9e710d44f42&displaylang=en>

Weebly (Education)

- Easy and free web-design, publishing, and hosting for educators (I highly recommend).
- Education.weebly.com

Multimedia Presentations:

Voicethread.com

- A VoiceThread is a collaborative, multimedia slide show that holds [images, documents, and videos](#) and allows people to navigate slides and leave [comments in 5 ways](#) - using voice (with a mic or telephone), text, audio file, or video (via a webcam). [Share](#) a VoiceThread with friends, students, and colleagues for them to record comments too.
- <http://Voicethread.com>

Photostory 3

- Allows you the create animated image slideshows. Includes transitions, text effects, and audio controls.
- <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/en/details.aspx?FamilyID=92755126-a008-49b3-b3f4-6f33852af9c1>

Prezi

- Make sweeping, interactive online presentations (think whiz-bang PowerPoint).
- <http://prezi.com/>

Isping Free

- Convert narrated or animated PowerPoint presentations in to Flash movies (think Narrated PowerPoint project). Goes with PowerPoint.
- <http://free.ispringsolutions.com/>

Jaycut

- Online video-editing software; totally contained online. Edit from anywhere.
- <http://jaycut.com/>

Image Editing:

Wordpress.com

- Free blog hosting site that allows you to create your own blog. Many teachers set up class blogs or blogging communities.
- www.wordpress.com

ImageEditor.net

- Online Image Editor
- http://www.imageeditor.net/free_online_image_editor.asp

Online Image Editor

- An Online Image Editor (didn't see that one coming)
- <http://www.online-image-editor.com/>

Concept Maps, Diagrams, and Word Clouds:

Mindmeister

- Web-based concept map generated (think Inspiration)
- <http://www.mindmeister.com/>

Diychart.com

- Generate charts and graphs
- <http://www.diychart.com/>

Tagxedo

- Make word clouds
- <http://www.tagxedo.com/>

Wiki Hosting and Design:

Wikia

- Build wiki projects for free
- www.wikia.com

Wikispaces

- Build wiki projects for free

- Also free webhosting for educators
- <http://www.wikispaces.com/>

Online Course Management:

PBworks.com

- Create online classroom
- Web publishing
- Online collaborative workspace
- Create student password-protected profiles

Classblogs.com

- create and manage free class blogs
- Create and manage virtual classrooms
- Online gradebook, grade assignments online
- Ready made for podcasting, videos, photos and more
- <http://classblogs.us/>

Moodle

- An online course management site: think ICON. Manage online classes, post grades, have students turn in work, forums, chat, media posting. It's free.
- www.Moodle.com/

Sloodle

- SecondLife, a virtual world, and Moodle, an online course management software have merge to facilitate online learning collaboration.
- <http://www.sloodle.org/moodle/>

Assistive Technology Apps:

Camera Mouse

- Software that turns webcam into a head mouse.
- <http://cameramouse.org/>

Dasher

- Alternative keyboard
- <http://www.inference.phy.cam.ac.uk/dasher/>

Speakcomputers.com

- A whole battery of text-to-speech and onscreen reading software
- <http://speakcomputers.com/>

Blio

- Text-to –speech
- <http://www.blio.com/>

SmartBoard Use, Interactivities, and Resources:

Smart Exchange

- For all you future SmartBoard users: an online learning community of teacher where you can find instructions, ideas, and activities for using and integrating SmartBoard in to your classroom instruction.
- <http://exchange.smarttech.com>

Tech Savvy Resources:

Classroom 2.0

- A educational social network (aka Facebook for teachers), where teachers create, collaborate, and share innovative ideas for applying technology in the classroom across subjects and grade levels.
- <http://www.classroom20.com/>

EduTech Wiki

- Educational Technology Wiki where you can research the latest educational technology trends and applications. Includes webinar training, etc.
- http://edutechwiki.unige.ch/en/Main_Page

Diigo

- Highlight and annotate website you read.
- Bookmark them and categorize them for future use
- Access other member’s bookmark lists to identify great web resources you didn’t even know you need for your upcoming lesson and cut down research time
- Load it to your smartphone
- www.diigo.com

Delicious

- Bookmark them and categorize them for future use
- Access other member's bookmark lists to identify great web resources you didn't even know you need for your upcoming lesson and cut down research time
- <http://www.delicious.com/>

Dropbox.com

- Allows things you place in the "dropbox" on your computer to be accessed from any computer or handheld device you own. Similar to your network drive here on campus. If you make changes to the files, they will be updated wherever you decide to access them.
- www.dropbox.com

GoogleScholar

- Lookup scholarly works, articles, books, and citations.

Discovery Education: (subscribe through district or AEA)

- Video streaming
- Lesson Plans
- Articles
- Puzzle-maker
- Digital resources

Webquest Generators/Hosts:

- <http://www.zunal.com/index.php>
- <http://questgarden.com/>
- <http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/fil/>

Electronic Portfolio Generators/Hosts:

- <http://foliji.com/>
- <http://www.foliospaces.com/>
- <http://carbonmade.com/>