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## Blogs

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<b>Blogger</b>	<a href="http://www.blogger.com/start">www.blogger.com/start</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free, customizable templates and layouts.</li> <li>• Requires a Google* account.</li> <li>• Can have multiple authors.</li> <li>• Public or private for designated users.</li> <li>• 1 GB of free storage.</li> <li>• Photos automatically synced to a Picasa* account.</li> </ul>	✓	✓		Must be of "legal age to form a binding contract."
<b>Edublogs</b>	<a href="http://edublogs.org">http://edublogs.org</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For educators and students.</li> <li>• Privacy and access controlled.</li> </ul>	Ad free on paid version	Does not ✓	✓ Designed	✓

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post videos, podcasts, and documents.</li> <li>• 20 MB of free storage, small in comparison to other sites.</li> </ul>	only.	require an e-mail address.	for education.	
<b>WordPress</b>	<a href="http://wordpress.com">http://wordpress.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build a blog or a Web site using design templates.</li> <li>• Supports images, audio, and video files.</li> <li>• Public and private sharing options.</li> <li>• Free version limited to 3 GB of space; paid space upgrades available.</li> <li>• Statistics about the number and locations of readers displayed with built-in maps and graphs.</li> <li>• Mobile application available.</li> </ul>	Ad free on paid version only.	✓		

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## Wikis

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Google Sites	<a href="http://sites.google.com">http://sites.google.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a wiki from dozens of prebuilt design templates.</li> <li>• Integrated with other Google tools, such as Google Calendar*.</li> <li>• Public and private sharing options.</li> <li>• 100 MB maximum site storage.</li> <li>• Unlimited pages.</li> <li>• Collaborators must have valid e-mail addresses.</li> </ul>	✓	✓		Student must be of "legal age to form a binding contract."
PBworks	<a href="http://pbworks.com/education">http://pbworks.com/education</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classroom accounts allow student accounts without e-mail.</li> <li>• Public and private sharing options.</li> <li>• Unlimited workspaces (wikis).</li> <li>• 2 GB of free storage.</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wikispaces	<a href="http://www.wikispaces.com/site/for/teachers">www.wikispaces.com/site/for/teachers</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One free educational wiki for classroom use.</li> <li>• Unlimited number of members.</li> <li>• Tools to integrate video, calendars, discussion forums, and visitor counters.</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓	✓

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set permissions for wiki viewers as well as individual pages or files.</li> <li>• Can organize members into project-related teams, each with its own pages, files, and permissions.</li> </ul>				
<b>Zoho Wiki</b>	<a href="http://wiki.zoho.com">http://wiki.zoho.com</a> <a href="http://www.zoho.com/wiki/wiki-education.html">www.zoho.com/wiki/wiki-education.html</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free wiki limited to 3 members and 50 MB storage.</li> <li>• Public and private sharing options.</li> <li>• Wiki collaborators must provide valid e-mail addresses.</li> </ul>	✓	✓		Must be at least 13 years old.

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## Collaborative Documents

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Google Docs	<a href="http://docs.google.com">http://docs.google.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Web and downloadable versions to create, share, and sync documents, forms, drawings, spreadsheets, and presentations.</li> <li>• 5 GB of free online storage, additional storage available for purchase.</li> <li>• Project and task areas.</li> <li>• Does not support concurrent editing.</li> <li>• Document collaborators must provide valid e-mail addresses.</li> </ul>	✓	✓		Must be at least 13 years old.
j2e	<a href="http://www.j2e.com">www.j2e.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An online creativity tool designed for education.</li> <li>• Share and collaborate on documents in real time.</li> <li>• Designed so children can create, share, and learn in a safe environment.</li> <li>• Supports integration of animation, audio, and video.</li> <li>• Security settings determine if documents are private, password-protected, or public.</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓ Designed for education.	✓

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teachers can moderate students' work before being published.</li> <li>Paid subscription only.</li> </ul>				
<b>ThinkFree</b>	<a href="http://member.thinkfree.com/member/goLandingPage.action">http://member.thinkfree.com/member/goLandingPage.action</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>View, edit, and share documents from anywhere using cloud-based software.</li> <li>Web and downloadable versions.</li> <li>1 GB of free online storage.</li> <li>Project and task areas.</li> <li>No concurrent editing.</li> </ul>	✓	✓		Must be at least 13 years old.
<b>Zoho</b>	<a href="http://www.zoho.com/docs">www.zoho.com/docs</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share folders and invite users to view, edit, and add documents.</li> <li>Word processor, spreadsheet, presentation, note taker, and other applications.</li> <li>Free version limited to 1 workspace and 1 GB storage.</li> <li>Share and concurrently edit files.</li> <li>Integrate chat in Zoho Show* (presentations) to enhance participation with collaborators and audiences.</li> </ul>	✓	✓		Must be at least 13 years old.

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## Project Management

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<b>Basecamp</b>	<a href="http://basecamp.com">http://basecamp.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage an entire team project on one page with to-do lists, due dates, assignments, discussions, and file sharing.</li> <li>• See group progress at a glance by viewing summaries of all current projects.</li> <li>• Online calendar integration.</li> <li>• Full control over who can access each project and files.</li> <li>• Text docs allow group members to write together in real-time.</li> <li>• Free 45-day trial available.</li> </ul>	✓	✓		Must be at least 13 years old.
<b>EasyProjects</b>	<a href="http://www.easyprojects.net">www.easyprojects.net</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Web-based software to manage teams and track projects.</li> <li>• Interactive planning charts allow teams to visually plan projects.</li> <li>• Message boards, file sharing, and online conferences allow team members to collaborate in real-time.</li> <li>• Free 15-day trial available.</li> </ul>	✓	✓		Must be at least 13 years old.

<b>ProjectFoundry</b>	<a href="http://www.projectfoundry.org">www.projectfoundry.org</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An online learning management system designed for educators.</li> <li>• Tools for tracking student group projects, tasks, due dates, and timelines.</li> <li>• Students can submit project proposals using integrated tools.</li> <li>• Teachers can plan and assign projects to individual teams.</li> <li>• Teachers can provide individual student feedback.</li> <li>• Free 14-day trial available.</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓ Designed for education.	✓
<b>Teamness</b>	<a href="http://www.teamness.com">www.teamness.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A web application intended to help teams organize and share project data.</li> <li>• Provides easy online collaboration for teams.</li> <li>• Provides milestones as incentives, tasks for requirements, whiteboards for sharing and tracking ideas, and other tools.</li> <li>• Free version available.</li> <li>• No installation required.</li> </ul>	✓	✓		Must be at least 13 years old.

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## Concept Maps

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<b>Bubbl.us</b>	<a href="http://www.bubbl.us">www.bubbl.us</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create and share colorful mind maps that allow entering of points and subpoints around a core idea.</li> <li>• Optional registration.</li> <li>• Educational discount available with a valid .edu e-mail address or ID.</li> </ul>	✓	✓	Educational discount available.	Must be at least 13 years old to register an account.
<b>Cacoo</b>	<a href="http://cacoo.com">http://cacoo.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create concept maps, layouts, diagrams, and flowcharts.</li> <li>• Upload images into maps.</li> <li>• Chat and instant messaging, and concurrent file editing.</li> <li>• Free version limited to 25 sheets and up to 15 collaborators per diagram.</li> </ul>	✓	✓		Must be at least 13 years old.
<b>Exploratree</b>	<a href="http://www.exploratree.org.uk">www.exploratree.org.uk</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create personalized concept maps or use preformatted maps to support desired types of brainstorming.</li> <li>• Users can submit concept maps for public viewing and comments.</li> <li>• Free registration, but requires a valid e-mail address.</li> </ul>	✓	✓		✓

<b>Mindmeister</b>	<a href="http://www.mindmeister.com">www.mindmeister.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create concept maps while collaborating in real time.</li> <li>• 30-day free trial available on all accounts.</li> <li>• Educational discount available.</li> <li>• Basic (free) version limited to three maps.</li> <li>• All collaborators must have a valid e-mail address.</li> <li>• Mobile application available.</li> </ul>	✓	✓	Educational discount available.	Must be at least 13 years old to register.
<b>Mindomo</b>	<a href="http://www.mindomo.com">www.mindomo.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create brainstorming and casual maps using a variety of shapes, images, and formatting.</li> <li>• Users can collaborate in real time, and attach comments and notes to maps.</li> <li>• Embed audio and video files in mind maps.</li> <li>• Free version limited to three maps.</li> <li>• 50 percent discount for educators.</li> </ul>	✓	✓	Educational discount available.	✓

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## File Sharing Sites

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<b>4Shared Free File Sharing</b>	<a href="http://www.4shared.com">www.4shared.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 GB of free file storage.</li> <li>• Available for all file formats.</li> <li>• Files can be shared with anyone, including nonregistered users through a generated Web link to the file.</li> <li>• Can share a read-only version or a file others can edit.</li> <li>• Can allow others to upload to the account.</li> <li>• Intuitive to use; similar to an e-mail program interface.</li> <li>• Mobile application available.</li> </ul>	✓	✓		✓
<b>Dropbox</b>	<a href="http://www.dropbox.com">www.dropbox.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 GB of free storage.</li> <li>• Available for all file formats.</li> <li>• Can sync files between team members and/or own computer and the online site.</li> <li>• Automatically syncs when new files or changes are detected (requires software installation).</li> <li>• Can work on files when offline.</li> <li>• Can create shareable, online photo galleries.</li> </ul>	✓	✓		✓

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 30 days of undo history available.</li><li>• Shared folders viewable only by invited users.</li><li>• Mobile application available.</li></ul>				
<b>MediaFire</b>	<a href="http://www.mediafire.com">www.mediafire.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 50 GB of free storage.</li><li>• Available for all file formats.</li><li>• FileDrops allow collaborators to upload files into account.</li><li>• Bulk download feature allows downloading of multiple files or entire folders in a single click.</li><li>• Individual files and folders can be password-protected.</li><li>• Mobile application available.</li></ul>	✓	✓		✓

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Facebook	<a href="http://www.facebook.com">www.facebook.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A social networking service and Web site.</li> <li>Users may create a personal profile, add other users as friends, exchange messages, and join common interest groups.</li> </ul>		 Privacy settings can control who can view a student's information.		Must be at least 13 years old.
Fakebook	<a href="http://www.classtools.net/fb/home/page">www.classtools.net/fb/home/page</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designed to look and function like Facebook.</li> <li>Students create a fictitious profile of a historical person, book character, famous politician, and so forth.</li> <li>Other students can read and comment on posts.</li> <li>Free version has a large advertising column that may be distracting to students.</li> </ul>	Ad free on paid version only.		 Designed for education.	
MySpace	<a href="http://www.myspace.com">www.myspace.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A social networking Web site with a focus on entertainment.</li> <li>Users can share information, pictures, music, and videos.</li> <li>Ads; front page content may be inappropriate or distracting.</li> </ul>		 Students must not post personal information.		Must be at least 13 years old.

<b>Twiducate</b>	<a href="http://twiducate.com">http://twiducate.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designed for classrooms.</li> <li>• Teacher controls a private network of invited participants.</li> <li>• Separate teacher and student log ins.</li> <li>• Mobile application available.</li> <li>• Can add dates and class bookmarks to the discussion page.</li> <li>• Conversations can be archived.</li> <li>• Free for educators.</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓ Designed for education.	✓
<b>Twitter</b>	<a href="http://www.twitter.com">www.twitter.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An online social networking and microblogging service.</li> <li>• Send and receive text-based posts of up to 140 characters.</li> <li>• Useful for professional development and networking.</li> <li>• Can “protect” messages so only accepted users receive them.</li> <li>• Free, but requires registration.</li> </ul>	✓	✓ As long as the account is set up as “protected.”		✓

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## Bookmarking Sites

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<b>Delicious</b>	<a href="http://delicious.com">http://delicious.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share and tag bookmarks.</li> <li>• Create custom link collections.</li> <li>• Access the most popular or valued bookmarks on a subject.</li> <li>• Includes a bookmarklet, a browser button that allows users to save links to the account with one click.</li> </ul>		 Requires an e-mail address.		Must be at least 13 years old.
<b>Digg</b>	<a href="http://digg.com">http://digg.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit links, or tag bookmarks to create custom collections.</li> <li>• Driven by social media, features popular links on front page according to number of "Diggs" a story receives.</li> </ul>				Must be at least 13 years old.
<b>Diigo</b>	<a href="http://www.diigo.com">www.diigo.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Combines social bookmarking with Web annotation and group collaboration.</li> <li>• Browser add-ons include a bookmark, highlighter, sticky note, and sharing tool.</li> <li>• Mobile and desktop applications available.</li> <li>• Import bookmarks or export</li> </ul>	 Educator version is ad free. Free version contains ads.			

		<p>bookmarks to library.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Free version allows unlimited bookmarks and 30 total cached pages.</li><li>• Free educator version allows 20 cached pages per month and provides a Teacher Console.</li><li>• Student accounts protect student privacy and have settings that limit communication with users outside the classroom.</li></ul>				
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## Web Conferencing

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<b>AnyMeeting</b>	<a href="http://www.anymeeting.com">www.anymeeting.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free, web-based platform for hosting videoconferences, webinars, and Web conferences.</li> <li>• Supports video, audio, screen sharing, recording, and instant messaging.</li> <li>• No software download required.</li> <li>• Unlimited meetings, with up to 200 attendees.</li> </ul>	Pay monthly for ad-free Web conferences.	✓		Must be at least 13 years old.
<b>Big Marker</b>	<a href="http://www.bigmarker.com">www.bigmarker.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free, cloud-based software for hosting Web conferences.</li> <li>• Video, audio, screen sharing, document sharing, interactive whiteboard, live chat, and instant messaging.</li> <li>• Create a community with unlimited members.</li> <li>• Conference rooms allow 50 people and 3 hosts to start.</li> <li>• 8 GB of free storage.</li> </ul>		✓	E-mail the company for educator pricing.	Must be at least 13 years old.

<b>Blackboard Collaborate</b>	<a href="http://www.blackboard.com/Platforms/Collaborate/Overview.aspx">www.blackboard.com/Platforms/Collaborate/Overview.aspx</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Web conferencing and mobile collaboration.</li> <li>• Integration with Blackboard platforms and products.</li> <li>• Video, audio, screen and application sharing, whiteboard, and instant messaging.</li> <li>• Teacher moderator tools.</li> <li>• Free 30-day trial available.</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓ Designed for education.	✓
<b>Google Hangouts</b>	<a href="http://www.google.com/+/learnmore/hangouts">www.google.com/+/learnmore/hangouts</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Video chat application with screen and document sharing.</li> <li>• 10 participants per hangout.</li> <li>• Requires Google+ accounts.</li> <li>• Mobile application available.</li> </ul>		✓		Must be at least 13 years old.
<b>Skype</b>	<a href="http://www.skype.com">www.skype.com</a> <a href="http://education.skype.com">http://education.skype.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group calling, screen sharing, and file sharing.</li> <li>• Group video calling requires Skype Premium account with a monthly charge, with a maximum of 10 participants.</li> <li>• All participants must have a Skype account (free).</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓ Skype in the classroom feature.	Must be at least 13 years old.
<b>Wimba</b>	<a href="http://www.wimba.com/solutions/k-12">www.wimba.com/solutions/k-12</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Synchronous and asynchronous video, audio, and VoIP communication.</li> <li>• Real-time whiteboard.</li> <li>• Includes file sharing, and video recording and archiving tools.</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓ Designed for education.	✓

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