

WEBLINKS FOR HOME SCHOOLS

LESSON PLAN SOURCES

Lesson plans can be found at many of the Web sites listed under other categories. The following collections are grouped by level and content area and can be searched easily by topic.

- The AskERIC Virtual Library (ericir.syr.edu)
- Columbia Education Center Lesson Plans (www.col-ed.org/cur)
- Connections+ (www.mcrel.org/resources/plus)
- Encarta Schoolhouse (encarta.msn.com/schoolhouse)
- TeachWeb (www.teachweb.net)

INFORMATION INDEXES

An information index is a set of topic menus and submenus where searches are narrowed to find what users need. Yahoo is the most popular, but there are other choices, including indexes customized for students.

- Yahoo (www.yahoo.com)
- Yahooigans, the Web Guide for Kids (www.yahooligans.com)
- About.com (www.about.com)
- Britannica (www.britannica.com)
- Education Planet (www.educationplanet.com)
- Galaxy (www.einet.net/galaxy.html)
- Learning Vista (learningvista.com)
- Megellan Internet Guide (www.mckinley.com/magellan)
- The WWW Virtual Library (vlib.org)

SEARCH ENGINES

Search engines are tools that find Web pages containing words or phrases that you specify – put phrases in quotes, such as “endangered species.” Because each example has unique strengths, it makes sense to try several (the last three allow you to search using multiple search engines simultaneously).

- Alta Vista (www.altavista.com)
- Cnet search (search.cnet.com)
- Direct Hit (www.directhit.com)
- Excite (www.excite.com)
- Fast Search (www.alltheweb.com)
- Google (www.google.com)
- HotBot (www.hotbot.com)
- Info Seek (www.infoseek.com)
- Lycos (www.lycos.com)
- Northern Light (www.northernlight.com)
- Raging Search (www.ragingsearch.com)
- Snap (www.snap.com)
- WebCrawler (www.webcrawler.com)
- Dogpile (www.dogpile.com)
- MetaCrawler (www.metacrawler.com)
- SavvySearch (www.savvysearch.com)

STUDENT RESEARCH RESOURCES

The following resources include age-appropriate sites to help students answer their own questions, complete homework assignments and do focused online research.

- Ask Jeeves (www.aj.com)
- Ask Jeeves for Kids (ajkids.com)
- Classroom Webivore (www.webivore.com) fee-based
- CNN (fyi.cnn.com)
- Encarta Learning Zone (Encarta.msn.com)
- Homework Central (www.homeworkcentral.com); (www.nosweat.com)
- Info Please (www.infoplease.com)
- iTools (www.itools.com)
- The National Student Research Center (youth.net/nsrc)
- Refdesk (www.refdesk.com)
- Searchopolis (www.searchopolis.com)
- Study Web (www.studyweb.com)
- Surf Monkey (www.surfmonkey.com)

CURRICULUM PORTALS

Portals are doors on the Web that provide integrated resources, tools and services through single location. Education portals offer customized fee-based curriculum services and related school applications.

- SchoolTone Alliance (www.schooltone.com)
- The Learning Station (www.learningstation.com)
- NovaNET (www.novanet.com)
- Net Schools (www.netschools.com)
- Riverdeep Interactive Learning (www.riverdeep.net)

CURRICULUM RESOURCE CENTERS

There are multiple curriculum centers hosted by various professional associations, foundations, government agencies and individuals (the next two sections focus on school/teacher/student curriculum collections, and those maintained by companies). The following are favorite sites in each content area.

- GENERAL CURRICULUM
 - Awesome Library (www.awecomelibrary.org)
 - Bonus (www.bonus.com)
 - Curricular Resources and Networking Projects (www.ed.gov/EdRes/EdCurric.html)
 - Education World (www.educationworld.com)
 - EdWeb (edweb.cnidr.org)
 - Enchanted Learning (www.enchantedlearning.com)
 - Library in the Sky (www.nwrel.org/sky)
- THE ARTS
 - ArtsEdge (artsedge.kennedy-center.org)
 - ArtsEdNet (www.artsednet.getty.edu)
 - Arts Education partnership (AEP-arts.org)
 - Music Education Online (www.geocities.com/Athens/2405)
 - The Puppetry Home Page (www.sagecraft.com/puppetry)
 - Sapphire Swan Dance Directory (www.SapphireSwan.com/dance)
 - World Wide Arts Resources (wwar.com)

- LANGUAGE ARTS AND LITERATURE

- The Children’s Book Council Online (www.cbcbooks.org)
 - CyberGuides (www.sdcoe.k12.ca.us/score/cyberguide.html)
 - The Children’s Literature Web Guide (www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown)
 - The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (the-tech.mit.edu/Shakespeare)
 - The On-Line Books Page (digital.library.upenn.edu/books)
 - Links to Educational Resources (www.writeenvironment.com/linksto.html)
- MATHEMATICS
- Ask Dr. Math (forum.swarthmore.edu/dr.math)
 - Calculators On-Line Center (www.sci.lib.uci.edu/HSG/RefCalculators.html)
 - The Geometry Center (www.geom.unm.edu)
 - Math.com (math.com)
 - Math and Science Gateway for High School (www.tc.cornell.edu/Edu/MathSciGateway)
 - The Math Forum (forum.swarthmore.edu)
 - MegaMathematics (www.c3.lanl.gov/mega-math)
- SCIENCE
- Eisenhower National Clearinghouse (www.enc.org)
 - The Environmental Education Network (envirolink.org/enviroed)
 - SciCentral K-12 Science (www.scicentral.com/K-12)
 - SciEd: Science and Mathematics Education Resources (www-hpcc.astro.washington.edu/scied/science.html)
 - The Science Page (www.sciencepage.org)
 - Space Educators’ Handbook (Vesuvius.jsc.nasa.gov/er/seh)
 - The Yuckiest Site on the internet (www.yucky.com)
- SOCIAL STUDIES
- The History Net (www.thehistorynet.com)
 - History/Social Studies Web Site for K-12 Teachers (execpc.com/~dboals/boals.html)
 - Lesson Plans and Resources for Social Studies Teachers (www.csun.edu/~hcedu013)
 - Mainxchange Mainxed (www.MainXed.com)
 - Social Studies School Service (socialstudies.com/online.html)
 - Social Studies (www.kent.wednet.edu/curriculum/soc_studies)
 - Social Studies Sources (education.indiana.edu/~socialst)
- HEALTH/NUTRITION/PHYSICAL EDUCATION
- Center for Food Safety & Applied Nutrition (vm.cfsan.fda.gov/list.html)
 - Healthtouch Online (www.healthtouch.com)
 - Kids Food Cyberclub (www.kidsfood.org)
 - Nutrition Navigator (navigator.tufts.edu/index.html)
 - PE Central (pe.central.vt.edu)
 - Sports Media International (www.sports-media.org)

SCHOOL/TEACHER/STUDENT CURRICULUM COLLECTIONS

There are growing numbers of general and specialized curriculum collections maintained by schools and individuals, and many are “labors of love” for the common educational good. The following are selected examples.

- The Art Teacher Connection (www.inficad.com/~arted)
- Joan Berger’s Windows to the World (www.li.net/~jberger)
- Busy Teachers’ Web site K12 (www.ceismc.gatech.edu/busyt)
- The Falcon’s Nest (www.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/upk/upk.home.html)
- North Star Navigators (www.capecod.net/voyage)
- B.J. Pinchbeck’s Homework Helper (www.bjpinchbeck.com)
- Kathy Schrock’s Guide for Educators (discoveryschool.com/schrockguide)
- Mrs. Silverman’s Second Grade Class (www.webcom.com/suealice)

COMPANY CURRICULUM COLLECTIONS

Many companies and organizations that provide education products and services offer online curriculum resources such as the examples below.

- AOL@School (school.aol.com)
- Apple Education (www.apple.com/education)
- AT&T Learning Network (www.att.com/learningnetwork)
- Bigchalk.com (www.bigchalk.com)
- Crayola Art Education (www.crayola.com)
- Classroom Connect (www.classroom.com)
- Computer Curriculum Corporation CCCLearn (www.ccclearn.com)
- Copernicus Education Gateway (www.edgate.com)
- Disney Edu-Station (Disney.go.com/educational)
- Ed's Oasis (www.classroom.com/edsoasis)
- ePlay (eplay.com)
- Harcourt School Publishers, The Learning Site (www.hbschool.com)
- HiFusion (www.hifusion.com)
- Houghton Mifflin Education Place (www.eduplace.com)
- Imind (www.imind.com)
- JDL K-12World (www.k12.world.com)
- Knowledge Adventure (www.knowledgeadventure.com)
- The Learning Company School division (www.learningcompanyschool.com)
- Lightspan.com (www.lightspan.com)
- McGraw-Hill School Division Resource Village (www.mmhschool.com)
- Pitsco Innovative Education (www.pitsco.com)
- Scholastic.com (www.scholastic.com)
- WWWRRR (wwwrrr.com)

ONLINE PROJECT SOURCES

The following sites are places to find online projects and propose your own (some require paid subscriptions).

- Adventure Online (www.adventureonline.com)
- Educational Web Adventures (www.eduweb.com)
- Electronic Emissary Project (www.tapr.org/emissary)
- GlobalLearn.com (www.globalearn.com)
- Global Schoolhouse and Internet Project – Registry now at Lightspan (www.lightspan.com)
- HighWired.com (highwired.com)
- Intercultural E-Mail Classroom Connections – IECC – Projects (www.iecc.org)
- International Education and Resources Network (www.learn.org)
- KIDLINK/KIDPROJ (www.kidlink.org/KIDPROJ)
- NASA Classroom of the Future (www.cotf.edu)
- NASA Quest (quest.arc.nasa.gov)
- NASA SeaWiFS Projects (seawifs.gsfc.nasa.gov)
- NASA SpaceLink (spacelink.nasa.gov)
- Online Class (www.onlineclass.com)
- SitesALIVE! (www.sitesalive.com)
- Thinkquest/Thinkquest Junior (www.thinkquest.org)

LIBRARIES AND MUSEUMS

The following sites link to exhibits at libraries and museums through-out the world and allow users to communicate with experts and explore special topics in depth.

- American Museum Historical Collections (memory.loc.gov)
- American Museum of Natural History (www.amnh.org)
- The Exploratorium (www.exploratorium.edu)
- The Franklin Institute Science Museum (www.fi.edu)

LIBRARIES AND MUSEUMS (Continued)

- Hands On Children's Museum (www.hocm.org)
- Hands-on Science Centers worldwide (www.cs.cmu.edu/~mwm/sci.html)
- The Internet Public Library (www.ipl.org)
- The Library of Congress (lcweb.loc.gov)
- National Air and Space Museum (www.nasm.edu)
- National Archives and Records Administration (www.narra.gov)
- Smithsonian institution (www.si.edu)
- United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (www.ushmm.org)
- WebMuseum network (metalab.unc.edu/wm/net)

COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA

The sites below offer communications resources including online newspapers, radio, television and teaching and learning materials.

- Annenberg/CPB Project Exhibits Collection (www.learner.org/exhibits)
- ABC News (abcnews.go.com)
- Book TV (www.booktv.org)
- CNN Interactive (www.cnn.com)
- CTW Family Workshop (ctw.org)
- Discovery.com (www.discovery.com)
- Discovery Channel School (discoveryschool.com)
- ESPN.com (espn.go.com)
- HBO 4kids.com (www.hbo4kids.com)
- History Channel.com (www.thehistorychannel.com)
- MSNBC News Learning Online (www.msnbc.com/news/Learning_Front.asp)
- The Nando Times (www2.nando.net)
- National Geographic.com (magma.nationalgeographic.com/education)
- National Public Radio Online (www.npr.org)
- The New York Times Company Learning Network (www.nytimes.com/learning)
- Newspaper Association of America Hotlinks (www.naa.org/hotlinks)
- PBS Online (www.pbs.org)
- PBS TeacherSource (www.pbs.org/teachersource)
- Publishers' Catalogs Home Page (www.lights.com/publisher)
- Time for Kids (www.timeforkids.com/TFK)
- U.S. news Classroom Program (www.usnews.com/classroom)
- USA Today Education (www.usatoday.com/educate/home.htm)
- The Weather Channel (weather.com)

ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS

The sites below offer creative, child-appealing educational and recreational materials including games, puzzles, stories and interactive activities.

- Alfie, the Kid's Portal Playground (www.alfy.com)
- Berit's Best Sites for Children (db.cochran.com/li_toc:theoPage.db)
- Cyberkids (www.cyberkids.com)
- Funbrain (www.funbrain.com)
- Funschool (www.funschool.com)
- Global Show-n-Tell (www.telenaut.com/gst)
- Headbone Zone (www.headbone.com)
- Humongous Entertainment (www.humongous.com)
- Kid News (kidnews.com)
- The Kids on the Web (www.zen.org/~brendan/kids.html)
- Lycos Zone (www.lycoszone.com)
- MaMaMedia.com (www.mamamedia.com)
- MidLink Magazine (longwood.cs.ucf.edu/~MidLink)
- Zeeks.com (zeeks.com)

SCHOOLS ON THE WEB

One of the best ways to review online assignments, activities, projects, units and courses is to visit school sites throughout the United States and abroad.

- American School Directory (www.ask.com)
- Class.com (www.class.com)
- CyberSchool (CyberSchool.4j.lane.edu)
- School.Net Navigator (school.net/go/navigator)
- Web66—Schools on the Web (web66.coled.unm.edu)

ACCREDITED CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS

For a complete list of accredited correspondence schools you may contact The Distance Education and Training Council (DETC) at (202)234-5100, or you may visit their website at: www.detc.org

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