

Literacy Links: Teacher and Parent Resources in Education

[AOL@SCHOOL](#)

A resource center for teachers, administrators, and children, the site provides links to lesson plans, homework help, researching topics, current research, and class activities.

[ArtsEdNet](#)

The J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles provides art-based lesson plans that are searchable by grade level.

[BigChalk](#)

This site offers both free and subscription-based services. Free resources include lesson plans for K-12; research and study help; resources for parents, teachers, and students; website directories; and Web publishing tools.

[Blue Web'n](#)

Blue Web'n is a searchable database of outstanding Internet learning sites categorized by content, subject area, and grade level. Each site is given a detailed description and rated on a scale of 1 to 5 stars.

[The Comic Book Project](#)

The goal of The Comic Book Project is to help children forge an alternative pathway to literacy through the visual arts. By employing a platform that links creativity to learning, The Comic Book Project has supported children who are struggling with their reading and writing skills, including children with limited English proficiency.

[Child & Family WebGuide](#) – Tufts University

A directory of websites that contain credible research-based information about child development. The sites have been evaluated by experts from Tufts University. Topics include family/parenting, health/mental health, education/learning, typical development, childcare/daycare, and activities by region.

[edHelper.com](#)

Lesson plans in all subjects; Web quests; math, spelling and vocabulary worksheets; sites for teachers; freebies; a newsletter; and education news updated daily can all be found on this site.

[Educational Resources Information Center \(ERIC\)](#)

ERIC is the largest education database in the world, containing more than 1 million records of journal articles, research reports, curriculum and teaching guides, conference papers, and books. ERIC is supported by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Educational Research and Improvement and is administered by the National Library of Education.

[Education Week](#)

This is an online newspaper for people interested in American education reform, schools, and the policies that guide them.

[Education World](#)

This site offers information that allows educators to engage students creatively, connect with other like-minded professionals, or advance their careers. It features an educational search engine, links to education-related sites, columns written by education experts, sample lesson plans, and curriculum ideas.

[EduHound](#)

The EduHound.com directory provides a pre-screened database directory of more than 20,000 K-12 educational links in more than 50 categories. [EduHound Español](#) provides a directory of links in Spanish.

[EduTech 4 Learning](#)

This site, created by a teacher, has won multiple awards and provides links to teaching resources, lesson plans, education networks, list servers, Web quests, online writing resources, and multicultural resources.

[Family Education Network](#)

Provides standards-based activities, lesson plans, research tools, homework help,

creative activities, printables, games, and instructional techniques for teachers and parents of children K-12.

[Federal Resources for Educational Excellence \(FREE\)](#)

This site has hundreds of federally supported educational resources.

[FirstGov.gov](#)

FirstGov.gov is the U.S. Government's Official Web clearinghouse, providing easy access to government forms, federal grants for your state and school district, information regarding federal education programs, statistics from the Census Bureau and Labor Department and other useful information. You can locate laws, regulations and court decisions or contact your member of Congress. Your students can access federal libraries, photo archives, and online resources under many topics.

[FunBrain.com](#)

This Family Education Network site provides free games and online quizzes for children K-8, parents, and teachers.

[The Gateway to Educational Materials \(GEM\)](#)

The GEM project is a consortium effort to provide educators with quick and easy access to the substantial, but uncataloged, collections of educational materials found on various federal, state, university, nonprofit, and commercial Internet sites.

[IDEA Practices](#)

This site is designed to assist teachers, school administrators, and related service professionals in the implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and its amendments.

[The Informed Librarian Online](#)

A free monthly compilation of the most recent tables of contents from over 220 valuable domestic and foreign library and information-related journals, e-journals, magazines, e-zines, newsletters and e-newsletters. Delivered monthly by e-mail.

[InsideSchools.org](#)

A project of [Advocates for Children of New York](#), this site provides a forum for parents, teachers, and administrators to share information about New York City's schools. By helping parents navigate the bureaucracy, and by encouraging them to lobby for improvements in their neighborhood schools, the group seeks to increase support for public education and to make the public school system more accessible to parents, and more accountable to students.

[KidsHub.org](#)

An online, interactive learning center that features free educational games, puzzles, quizzes, spelling activities, and subject guides.

[KinderStart](#)

A large database of links to all aspects of children's education and development, including categories on homeschooling, finding schools, and teacher development programs.

[Library of Congress](#)

The Library of Congress website includes three collections of valuable educational resources: [The Learning Page](#), [America's Story](#), and [The Wise Guide](#).

[Michaels Associates](#)

Commercial distributor of professional books, children's literature, classroom supplies. This website features a list of professional books for teachers recommended by the Ohio Department of Education.

[NASAexplores](#)

NASAexplores provides free weekly K-12 educational articles and lesson plans on current NASA projects. Printable and downloadable, these supplemental curriculum resources meet national education standards.

[No Child Left Behind](#)

The No Child Left Behind website provides information and answers to questions about the U.S. federal legislation enacted in January 2002. The Act redefines the federal role in K-12 education and means to help close the achievement gap between disadvantaged and minority students and their peers.

[The New York Times Learning Network](#)

For students grades 3 and up, there are news summaries, news quizzes and monthly crossword puzzles with an educational theme. For teachers, there are daily lesson plans related to a featured news story and a selective guide to the Internet organized by subject.

[People to People International's School and Classroom Program](#)

The School and Classroom Program connects teachers and their students with similar-age classrooms in other countries. Students collaborate on educational projects as simple as writing letters or as complex as examining recycling systems. Interaction between classrooms occurs offline and online and employs various audio and visual tools. Two classrooms may form a private "classroom partnership" or multiple classrooms may contribute to a single project. All School and Classroom Program projects aim to better students' understanding of another culture and help them form friendships with peers abroad. Thousands of students in countries in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, the Middle East, North America, and South America have participated in the School and Classroom Program.

[Scholastic.com](#)

Scholastic.com has won numerous awards and offers classroom-tested online curriculum, lesson plans and reproducibles, professional resources, online activities, news, and background on authors and books.

[Smithsonian Center for Education and Museum Studies](#)

The Smithsonian works with teachers in the Washington, D.C., area and in several locations throughout the U.S. Through special events, for-credit courses, and long-term partnerships, teachers discover innovative ways to meet their teaching objectives using museum resources.

[Study Guides and Strategies](#)

Designed for learners in middle school and beyond, this website features advice, techniques, and information on *how to learn* — how to study, take notes, prepare for exams, read for meaning, do research, and much more.

[Teachers.net](#)

This site hosts teacher chat rooms, mailings, and bulletin boards. It also offers free lesson plan, curriculum, and teacher project ideas.

[Teachers Support Network](#)

Visit www.TeachersSupportNetwork.com to match yourself to districts with positions that correspond to your criteria, to contact other teachers, to gather information related to your career, and to find resources for professional development and mentoring to further your careers and reach your goals.

[Teachers' Place](#)

The Math Forum's Teachers' Place provides Internet resources for lessons, projects, and software to help in the math classroom. These pages also provide many resources for communication with other teachers and links to professional organizations.

[Teachers Talking About Learning](#)

Teachers can integrate what's available on this UNICEF site with their professional development goals. The three main branches of the site mirror preferred learning styles: Explore Ideas (if you learn best on your own), Discuss Issues (if you learn best by talking with colleagues), and Take Action (if you learn best by doing).

[Teachnet.com](#)

Teachnet.com educator services include lesson plans, Web links, interactive forums, mailing lists, and a weekly e-mail newsletter.

[TeachersCount.org](#)

TeachersCount is a national nonprofit organization with two main objectives: (1) to improve the public's perception of the teaching profession by bringing the accomplishments of teachers to public attention, and (2) to provide services, resources, and information to teachers, prospective teachers, and others interested in education and the teaching profession.

[U.S. Department of Education](#)

The Department was established to ensure equal access to education and to promote educational excellence for all Americans. The site includes many [publications for parents](#).

[Voices in Urban Education](#)

Published by the Annenberg Institute for School Reform at Brown University, *VUE* presents diverse voices debating vital issues in urban education." Recent topics include accountability, "small schools and race," and adolescent literacy.

[What Works Clearinghouse](#)

The What Works Clearinghouse is a project of the U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences established to provide educators, policymakers, and the public with a central, independent, and trusted source of scientific evidence of what works in education.

