

Strategies for Effective Elementary Technology Integration

Web Created Lessons (Part 2)

Tips for Locating Websites

Remember the guidelines for minimizing wasted time on the internet! (See the internet hotlist handout)

- 1. To locate student - appropriate websites, use search engines designed for student use**
 1. Yahoooligans: www.yahoooligans.com
 2. Google: www.google.com
 3. The Library Spot: www.libraryspot.com
- 2. Use search engines designed for teacher use (lesson plans, previewed sites for lessons)**
 1. Kathy Schrock's Guide: <http://school.discovery.com/schrockguide>
 2. Blue Web'n www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/bluewebn
 3. Classroom Connect's GRADES database www.classroom.net/GRADES
 4. Edview: <http://edview.apple.com>
- 3. Use "meta-search" tools (search more than one website at once)**
 1. For Windows: "Copernic 2000" - www.copernic.com
 2. For Mac: "Sherlock" built into Macintosh OS 8.5 and above. (Press Command-F to access it.)
- 4. Subscribe to an educational listserv / mailing list for site ideas**
 1. Bigchalk's W.O.W. Newsletter: www.bigchalk.com
 2. Blue Web'n Update: www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/bluewebn/updates.html
 3. Tools for the TEKS Updates: www.wtvi.com/teks/updates.html

Suggestions for when students are searching (should be infrequently)

1. Use district-financed subscription websites:
 1. The Gale Group (ask your librarian for the link: www.galegroup.com)
 2. Grolier Online: <http://go.grolier.com> (ask librarian for password)
 3. Britannica Online: <http://search.eb.com> (ask librarian for password)
 4. Maps 101: www.maps101.com (ask librarian for password)
2. Use search engines designed for students (see sites above)
3. Use search engines with family / content filters turned ON (www.altavista.com)

Bibliographies / Source Citation

1. Style Sheets for Citing Internet Resources:
<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/Style.html>
2. Columbia Guide to Online Style: www.columbia.edu/cu/cup/cgos/idx_basic.html
3. Internet Citation Guides from the University of Wisconsin-Madison:
www.library.wisc.edu/libraries/Memorial/citing.htm