



Scripts in the classroom



Use the tool: <http://code.google.com/googleapps/appscript/>

What is it?

Scripts.

Why use it?

Students can use Google Sites to:

- Create a relevant product to share their learning.
- Build a web site to present a science fair project.
- Create a personal e-portfolio of their work.
- Collaborate and share ideas with other students for group work and peer tutoring.
- Build a website for their research project and publish for the world to see

Teachers can use Google Sites to:

- Create a class web page, including handouts and tutorial videos.
- Collaborate with other teachers on department or school-wide projects.
- Manage a international project that connects teachers and students around the world.
- Maintain their digital presence as a teacher and leader



Expert Tip #1

Add a custom favicon to your Google Site by clicking on More Actions > Manage Site and then clicking on Attachments. Use the Upload Button to upload your file named "favicon.ico." You now have a custom favicon for your site.

<http://goo.gl/39IGk>



Expert Tip #2

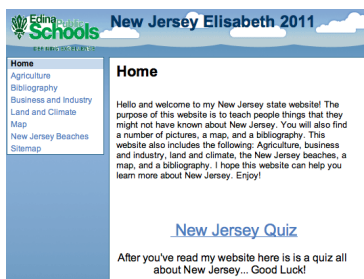
Create a custom header and logo for your site using [Picnik](#).
View directions here: <http://goo.gl/ESWcP>

Instructional Ideas

Elementary/Primary and Middle/Early Secondary School. Create a public website for posting announcements, a calendar of events, reading and spelling lists, weekly themes, fun stuff and more. Create a private site to share information with parents, like curriculum resources. Students must be 13 or older to have a Google Account to add content to Google Sites or to view private sites, but anyone can view public sites, like this example site: <http://goo.gl/Ad8gJ>.

High/Secondary School. Have students create a site for their own government, including pages for a constitution, separation of powers, government officials and laws. Each student can take the role of a government official and provide a position statement, party affiliation and campaign material, including images and video.

Google Sites in Action- Elementary



Project: State Research Project

Tool: Google Sites

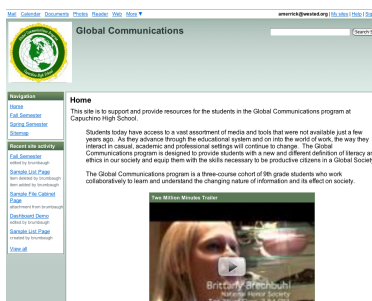
Grade/Subject: 4th Grade (9-10 year olds) Social Studies

URL: <https://sites.google.com/a/apps.edina.k12.mn.us/new-york/>

Every year the fourth grade students in Edina Public Schools do a research project on the United States. Each student is assigned a state that he or she researches using printed materials, media and the Internet. The end result used to be a tri-fold brochure, but now, thanks to Google Apps for Education, each student creates a web site.

Another aspect of the project is to make a map in Google Maps. Using the My Maps feature, the students tag three areas of interest or fun facts about their state. The map is embedded into their Google Site using the unique URL generated by the App.

Then, using Google Forms, each student creates a five-question quiz that is placed on the front page of his or her web site. On the last day of the project, the students go into the computer lab, visit each other's sites and take the quizzes. The teachers then use Google Spreadsheet to collect the answers and summarize them in a graph.



Google Sites in Action- Secondary School

Project: Global Communications Program

Tool: Google Sites

Grade/Subject: 9th Grade (14 year olds) Global Communications course

URL: <http://sites.google.com/site/global-com>

The Global Communications program at Capuchino High School is a smaller learning community, where students share three teachers in common, allowing them to engage in interdisciplinary projects throughout the school year. The classes work on several large projects during the school year, completing some of the work in each of the three courses they are enrolled in. Using Google Sites, they can collect all of the material in one location making it easier for each teacher to monitor progress toward the completion of the project.

Additional Resources

More Examples

- Google Sites Webinar for Educators: <http://goo.gl/a097C>
- Google Apps EDU Training Center Sites: <http://goo.gl/bjB7r>
- Google Sites Tutorial: <http://goo.gl/R3Uer>
- Google Sites Interactive Tutorial: <http://goo.gl/nPvpw>

- Google Sites Help: <http://www.google.com/support/pages/>
- Sites for Teachers: <http://goo.gl/HXfdp>

Complementary Tools

- Google Calendar
- Google Docs
- Google Reader
- Picasa Web Albums
- YouTube
- Google Maps

In order to comply with federal law and the Google Terms of Service, students need to be over 13 years of age to use any product which requires a Google Account. Students may participate in product use if the account is owned by a parent or teacher and that parent or teacher is present when the product is being used.

<http://www.google.com/edu>