Welcome back!

PRISM would like to welcome all of our users back for the 2021-2022 school year. For those of you with existing courses on PRISM, here are some helpful tips to get started for the new year:

- **You can re-use your existing courses.** The first step to cleaning them is to perform a Reset. Look for the 'Reset' link in your course administration block. On that page, you will see several options that allow you to clear the grade book, groups, chat history, quiz data, assignment data, and more. Be sure to click the 'Expand all' link to see all of the options. ***Note: Do not Unenroll your users using the Reset feature. The student administration block in your course will be used to perform this function.***

- **Clear your student roster using the student administration block.** You can delete all students by clicking the 'Advanced' button in the student administration block. Now click the 'Delete' button. You will see a list of your students. You can either check the ones you want removed or remove all of them by clicking 'Select All'. Don't worry if you accidentally delete a student. You can recover the deleted student by clicking the 'Recover' button in the student administration block. ***Notes: Be sure to perform the 'Reset' options in your course before deleting students. Also, if you have a 'Master Student Roster' course for your school, please contact us before performing any enrollment changes. Also, if your students have email addresses but cannot receive incoming email from an external source, do not add them to student accounts.***

- **Update the course start date for your course.** Look for the 'Edit settings' link in your course administration block. On that page, find the setting for 'Course start date' and update it for the new school year. Updating this date will properly date your course's weekly sections.

- **Import your new student rosters**. You can import your student rosters using the CSV Import feature in the student administration block. Please see our tutorial for help with using this feature. If you are enrolling more than 50 students in a course, please contact us. ***Note: Email addresses for student accounts on PRISM are OPTIONAL. Please do not add fake email addresses for student accounts.***

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- **Contact the PRISM Team to remove old courses.** Courses on PRISM are removed after a year of inactivity. If you have several old courses that you no longer need, contact us and we will remove them.

- **Update your web browsers**. For the best experience, the PRISM Team recommends the latest version of Chrome, Firefox 91, or Microsoft Edge. For iPad users, we recommend using Safari. For Mac users, we recommend the latest version of Chrome or Safari.

- **Visit our tutorial section**. We offer many tutorials that cover how to use all of the Moodle resources and activities.

- **Explore new features**. PRISM is integrated with Moodle 3.11 and you can explore the new features here. The Boost theme is now available to use in your courses. To switch, visit your course Administration block and click 'Edit settings'. Under the Appearance branch, change 'Force theme' from 'Do not force' to 'Boost'. Now scroll down and click 'Save and display'.

  The Collapsed Topics course format is available, allowing you to use a very versatile course format that expands and minimizes individual course sections.

Resources for Teachers

Brilliant replaces teacher lecture videos with hands-on interactive lessons. All Brilliant courses are crafted by award-wining teachers, researchers and other professionals at institutions like MIT, Caltech, Duke, Microsoft, Google and others. Students are able to see math and science in new ways on the Brilliant program. Student confidence is built with hands-on learning. Students get to see concepts visually, interact with key ideas, and solve challenging problems that get them to think logically. On Brilliant, students are typically driven by their natural curiosity and want to actively move through the challenging problems developed on Brillant. Learning resources are available in the following areas:

- Data Science
- Engineering
- Foundational Math
- Foundational Logic
- High School Math
- High School Science
- Software Development
- Statistics and Finance

For more information: https://brilliant.org/

EVERFI offers engaging, self-paced lessons students can access from virtually anywhere. The EVERFI digital platform offers over 100 interactive, game-based lessons for teachers to better engage students. Free resources are available for all K-12 grade levels. Free resources include engaging digital lessons and assessments with feedback mechanisms. Digital courses are available in the following areas:

- Career readiness
- Cultural literacy
- Early Academic readiness
- Financial education
- Health and wellness
- Social emotional learning
- STEM literacy
- Sustainability Education

For more information: https://everfi.com/k-12/

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Desmos wants to build a world where every student learns math and loves learning math, where a student's access to the power and beauty of math doesn't depend on their place of birth, race, ethnicity, gender, or any other aspect of their identity. Desmos has a core middle school math program which pairs the open-source U.S. Middle School curriculum from Illustrative Mathematics and Open Up with Desmos' powerful online technology with humanizing pedagogy. Desmos has a free suite of math software tools including graphing and scientific calculators, matrix calculators and a geometry tool.

For more information: https://www.desmos.com/

OPEN UP Resources provides complete curricula which can substitute for existing textbooks – a rare breadth and depth in the OER space, where resources are typically individual lesson materials and other 'small grain-size' content. OPEN UP has a mission of increasing equity in K-12 education by making excellent, top-rated curricula openly accessible to all school districts across the U.S.. Comprehensive resources are now available include:

- High School Math (Algebra I & II and Geometry)

- Middle School Math (6th, 7th, & 8th Grades) - 1st and 2nd Editions

- Bookworms K-5 Reading and Writing

- EL Education K-8 (Language Arts

- Odell High School Literacy - Sample Materials

For more information: https://openupresources.org/

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Kahoot! makes learning awesome! Training, lessons, presentations and meetings can all be done utilizing Kahoot! Kahoot is a game-based learning platform. Many teachers will use Kahoot for learning games and trivia type quizzes. Students can be engaged with Kahoot in or out of class. Kahoot's distance learning tools allow teachers to connect with students when they're studying from home or are doing out-of-school learning. From quick pulse checks to formative assessments, Kahoot can help teachers instantly capture student performance and target instruction in any learning environment – remote, hybrid or in-person. Teachers also use Kahoot to keep their community connected particularly by involving parents in the Kahoot games. Kahoot is also a great tool for teachers to utilize for building social skills.

For more information: https://kahoot.com/schools/

Illustrative Mathematics is a problem-based core curriculum for 21st century learners designed to address content and practice standards. Illustrative Mathematics hopes to help prepare all students to have better problem-solving skills, be able to reason and think critically and communicate math concepts more appropriately and efficiently. Illustrative Mathematics has programs designed exclusively for grades K-5, grades 6-8 and grades 9-12. The curricula provided through Illustrative Mathematics are rooted in well-respected pedagogy and methodology to form a rigorous, standards-aligned curriculum.

For more information: https://illustrativemathematics.org/

Professional Development for Teachers

STEM Teach IV. Graduate and undergraduate classes, workshops and conference scholarships are available at NO COST to Indiana teachers!

The application window for teachers NEW to STEM Teach opens 8/23/21 - 9/10/21.

Fall II 2021 Registration Dates:

- Priority Dual Credit Teachers Registration open 9/7/21 @ NOON

- All K-12 Teachers Registration open 9/10 /21 - 9/17/21

In order to be eligible for STEM Teach IV, teachers must be currently teaching in an Indiana school. All applicants are required to submit a letter of verification from a school administrator.

Before you apply to STEM Teach IV, view the informational document here.

What PRISM Can Do For You!

- Easily find the perfect teaching and learning resources from our library of over 5,000.

- Save a list of your favorite resources for quick retrieval.

- Create and share lesson plans that teach your subjects utilizing your favorite resources.

- Develop online classrooms with interactive assignments, lessons, quizzes and more!

- Store your classroom materials online so that they are available to you from any computer.

- Reach your students more effectively by using web media for the digital age.

- Earn PGP points by completing PRISM led online Moodle course – either Beginning Moodle or Intermediate Moodle courses are available to you at no cost several times throughout the year.

- Select from free learning resources that emphasize visualization, rich context, staged-problem solving, and electronically enabled collaboration / communication.

- Augment your own dynamic presence in the classroom with teaching tools that mirror the skills needed for success in higher education and the 21st Century workplace.

*Through our strong support from the **Lilly Endowment** and others, we are constantly growing and improving. Check our site regularly to see what new resources you can use in your classroom.*

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