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PRISM Webinars & Informational Videos

The PRISM team launched a series of webinars or informational videos on online learning and applications on Moodle.

Bob Jackson, PRISM's K-12 Educational Liaison, will host the first several videos to launch the program. It is a desire of the PRISM team that we get member teachers to volunteer to do some webinars or informational videos on applications of Moodle. If you are a teacher that is using some of the activities like the lesson activity, the external tool, games and workshops, we would really like for you to share how you are using these through either a live webinar or informational video. You can also do a webinar or video on online pedagogy discussing your "tips and tricks" that you utilize in being an effective online instructor. You can also show how you effectively provide resources to your students through a hybrid course. If you do a recorded video, we will ask you to upload your video to YouTube and send us a link to post on the PRISM website. If you want to do a live webinar, we would like to ask that you use a Zoom meeting and provide us a date and time that you would like to do the meeting. We will then invite PRISM members to attend.

Informational videos on Moodle applications and digital pedagogy are now available to view on the PRISM website.

Most of these informational videos will be short, 15-20 minutes in length and contain content on digital pedagogy, course design and specific Moodle applications.

An important component of this program will be for you to provide the PRISM team with feedback.

After watching an informational video or webinar, please let us know if the information provided is beneficial, ask questions about the specific content, and suggest perhaps better or different ways of doing the same type of activity or instructional method. We would also like for you suggest topics that you would like to be covered in future informational videos.

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Launching of PRISM Webinars & Informational Videos

Please post your comments in a forum on the 2020-2021 PRISM Focus Group (PFG) Moodle course. If you are not a member of the PRISM Focus Group, contact Bob Jackson at jackson2@rose-hulman.edu to request to be added as a participant. This group uses a Moodle course for online collaboration and sharing of Moodle applications.

All the videos are available in the Help and Extras block on the right-hand side of PRISM's main webpage.

Eighteen informational videos have been posted and are available to view:

[Introduction & Course Organization](#)

[Calculated Simple Questions](#)

[Course Authoring](#)

[Crossword Game](#)

[Cryptex and Sudoku Games](#)

[Drag and Drop to Image w/ Images Questions](#)

[Drag and Drop to Marker Questions](#)

[Essay & Matching Questions](#)

[External Tool / LTI Connections](#)

[Hidden Picture Game](#)

[Importing Questions to a Question Bank](#)

[Lesson Activity](#)

[Mastery Learning Settings to Use on Moodle](#)

[Multiple Choice & True/False Questions](#)

[Questionnaire / Survey](#)

[Quiz Activity Settings](#)

[Quiz Question Authoring & Editing Capabilities](#)

[Short Answer & Numerical Questions](#)

Resources for Teachers



Actively Learn is a digital curriculum that was designed to drive student engagement through deep learning experiences. Teachers can deepen students' comprehension in ELA, social studies, and the sciences. Actively Learn's digital curriculum drives engagement and equity in teacher's classes and in student homes. There is a rich and diverse catalog of texts and videos for ELA, the sciences and social studies. Teachers can access and use these for their own online teaching. Engaging, standards-aligned questions scaffolded with learning content (notes and text) are available for teacher use. Teachers can modify or edit pre-created assignment or embed new questions, notes, text, media or videos. Teacher can also incorporate and share their own materials and resources.

For more information: <https://www.activelylearn.com/>



Tes Teach with Blendspace allows teacher to plan, build and deliver lessons by integrating YouTube videos, TES resources, a teacher's own files and other digital media. Using TES Teach with Blendspace allows teacher to personalize the students' learning experiences. Teachers can create online lessons that achieve learning goals through fun, interactive activities and exercises and then monitor student understanding with quizzes and interactive discussions. Resources can be added to the lessons from multiple sources including YouTube, Dropbox, Google applications and teacher's own files including PDFs, PowerPoints, other slideshows or links to online resources through URLs. Teachers can also save time by using free lessons and activities created and shared by other teachers.

For more information: <https://www.tes.com/lessons>

Resources for Teachers



Animoto is a “do-it-yourself” video creating program. Animoto can also be used to help schools create better communications through media. Teachers can select and use pre-built storyboard templates to build their own presentations upon. This saves considerable time for teachers when creating video presentations for their school or classrooms. Most presentations can be built simply by dragging and dropping images, video clips, school logos and other files right onto a storyboard template. Animoto has a searchable library of Getty Image stock photos and video clips that can be used by teachers for their own presentations. Once a teacher produces a video, videos can be posted to their own websites, on their online courses and shared on various social media.

For more information: <https://animoto.com/business/education>

Kahoot!

Kahoot! is a game-based learning platform that makes it easy for teachers to create, share and play interactive learning games with their students. Teachers also create trivia quizzes for assessment of student learning. “Kahoots” are the fun learning games created by teachers for their students. Teachers create questions and can also add videos, images, diagrams or illustrations and other media to their personalized Kahoots. Kahoots are best played in a group setting within a classroom to stimulate engagement of all students. Kahoot challenges can be created and embedded in online learning experiences, students can complete challenges at their own pace. Challenges can effectively be used for homework and online remote learning experiences. Kahoots created by teachers and students can be shared.

For more information: <https://kahoot.com/what-is-kahoot/>

Professional Development Opportunities



National Geographic Explorers are changing the world. The Grants Program sponsored by National Geographic has the primary objectives of developing and understanding the workings of our planet. They intend to empower educational communities to generate solutions for a healthier and more sustainable future for all. The program is currently Explorers a variety of funding opportunities in the areas of conservation, education, research, storytelling, and technology. All potential grantees will need to indicate a project focus that is aligned with one of these focus areas and should be bold, innovative, and transformative. Some specific topics of interest include:

1. Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tools for a More Sustainable Planet
2. Equity and the Natural World
3. Stories of Tropical Rainforests
4. Big Cats Conservation
5. Recovery of Species on the Brink of Extinction
6. Ending Impacts: Archaeology of Sustainability

Grant deadline to apply: January 20, 2021

For more information: [National Geographic Grants Program](#)



The Indiana Science Initiative (ISI) is a K-8 program that provides hands-on, research-based science curricula. The curricula is available to all Indiana school districts. The ISI team provides professional development for teachers to help them improve their instructional strategies and methods in science. The I-STEM Resource Network, the Indiana Department of Education and Eli Lilly and Company have collaborated on this initiative. Their combined goal is to reform K-8 science education in Indiana. Any public or private school may participate in this program. Most students using ISI curricular materials with trained teachers do better on state science assessments at all grade levels.

For more information: <https://www.indianascience.org/>

Teaching in a Digital World Webinar Series



Teaching In a Digital World Webinar Series supports teachers and their utilization of digital learning, whether remote, in the classroom, or hybrid. Each webinar covers a different topic related to the three pillars for digital learning: Leadership, Teaching and Learning, and Community Engagement. Below you will find a list of the upcoming webinars and links to the slide-decks and recorded webinars that are made available through the Indiana Department of Education.

- October 13 - Episode 8: Assessment
- October 27 - Episode 9: Early Learning
- November 10 - Episode 10: STEM / PBL

For more information: <https://www.doe.in.gov/elearning/teaching-digital-world-webinar-series>

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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