

Newsletter

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**Digital Tools for Teachers
Engage Students through Digital Technologies**

Evernote & Clip to Evernote



Is very much like a huge 3-ring binder kept online. A teacher can store notes typed or copied/pasted directly into the program, snap pictures of handwritten notes (or math problems) and upload to Evernote, upload files including Word docs., Excel files, pdf's, images, etc.... and screenshots

of webpages that have been highlighted, marked on, underlined, annotated, etc.... Notebooks can be created for different classes and different purposes (i.e: professional development, faculty meetings, school improvement team....). CLIP TO EVERNOTE is a fantastic tool to take screenshots and then markup, circle, highlight, make notes on the screenshot page. Then, this page can be posted so that students can view and gather the information that the teacher's desire from the webpage or other resource. For more information and to get started with these tools: [Evernote](#) and [Clip to Evernote](#).

JING by TechSmith

Jing is a screencasting computer program that takes a picture or video of the user's computer screen and uploads it to the Web, FTP, computer or clipboard. If uploaded to the web, the program automatically creates a URL for the image or video. A teacher can record audio as he/she creates an online video talking students through a website and even across different pages on the website. For more information and to get started with this [tool](#).



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Class Dojo



Class Dojo is an online behavior management system created with the intention of fostering positive student behaviors and developing a highly effective classroom culture. Students earn “Dojo Points” based on their classroom conduct during lessons and activities. Teachers use Class Dojo to keep parents up to date on student progress and classroom happenings. Students are actively engaged in the process. Class Dojo is a free download for teachers. For more information and to get started with this [tool](#).

Cc Common Curriculum



Cc is a new kind of planner for teachers. Save time with easy templates. Align lessons to state standards, organize with unit plans and share with colleagues. Post to a class webpage for your students with an interactive calendar. Take the busy work out of lesson planning and spend more time teaching and working with students. For more information and to get started with this [tool](#).

Weebly for Education



Weebly for Education is perfect for creating classroom websites and student portfolios. Weebly’s drag & drop website editor is stunningly simple to use, and appropriate for use with students of all ages. Students can develop a higher level of creativity using a variety of multimedia features, all within a protected environment that the teacher has control over. For more information and to get started with this [tool](#).

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TES Teach with Blendspace



Teach with Blendspace is an easy-to-use platform for creating multi-media lessons that students can access online. Using a drag-and-drop interface, teachers can organize videos, text, links, images, and quizzes into cubes, then organize them to create lessons for students to complete independently. Content loaded onto the platform from YouTube, Google, Flickr, and other online sources, as well as from computer files, Dropbox, or Google Drive. There's a bookmarking tool that lets a teacher add websites to a Blendspace collection. Blendspace collections can be easily integrated into most LMS platforms for easier access for students. Blendspace is a great tool for “flipping the

classroom”. For more information and to get started with this [tool](#).

Audacity



Audacity® is free, open source, cross-platform audio software for multi-track recording and editing. Audacity is just as good as many premium paid-for applications. A teacher can use it to make his/her own recordings, remove noise, cut and combine clips, apply special effects and much more, and achieve truly professional results.

Audacity is a great audio editor for use in the classroom. It can be used on Windows, Mac and Linux operating systems. Great uses in the classroom include: Make a radio advertisement, promotion of language learning, creating podcasts, recording of in-class speeches, creating recorded stories, integrate with PowerPoint presentations and recording of soundtracks for animations. For more information and to get started with this [tool](#).

Professional Development Opportunities



The Focus Forum is for district and school administrators, leaders, and change makers from across Indiana. The two-day workshop will focus on building awareness and skills, finding resources, and understanding current trends in digital transformation through the lens of an innovative leader for today's learners.

We will start with a private screening of the 90-minute movie [Most Likely to Succeed](#). The film's website states: "The film inspires its audiences with a sense of purpose and possibility, and is bringing School communities together in re-imagining what our students and teachers are capable of doing." Investigate learning space re-design, network, and share best practices and what innovation you are implementing in your school or district. Leave with curated resources, plans for next steps, and a copy of *The Innovator's Mindset* by George Couros.

Through our partnership with the Indiana Department of Education [Office of eLearning](#), there will be two free seats per public school district for each two-day session with a cap of 50 participants. PGP's are available to participants if requested.

Join us December 5 & 6, 2017
Concord Junior High School
59397 Co Rd 11
Elkhart, IN 46517

[Download Focus Forum Flyer](#)

Public School [Registration Link](#)
2 free seats per district

Non-Public School [Registration Link](#)
\$250 per person

Professional Development Opportunities



Annual Conference

HASTI's Annual Conference convenes in Indianapolis each year in early February. With over 200 sessions spanning three days and an Exhibit Hall featuring leaders in the STEM industry, the HASTI conference is the premier professional development and networking opportunity for science teachers in Indiana. Click on topics listed below to find out about the next HASTI Conference, and to view information about past conferences.

SAVE THE DATE!

2018 HASTI Conference
February 14-16, 2018
Wyndham Indianapolis West
2544 Executive Dr.
Indianapolis, IN 46241

The 2018 HASTI Conference is moving back to its original location! The Conference was once held at the Adams Mark hotel near the airport before it moved to the Convention Center in the 1990s. In order to make the best use of space and funds, HASTI is going back to the same location - now the Wyndham Indianapolis West!

The location is smaller, but it offers some features that will reduce the cost of attending, and give us more opportunities to network and get to know each other!

Watch this page for news about the call for proposals, registration and more!

Great Features for the 2018 HASTI Conference

FREE Parking!!
FREE WiFi!!
Thursday Evening Social Events!
Luncheon served with keynote addresses!

For more information: <http://www.hasti.org/conference>

Leading in the Digital Age



Today, digital leadership is imperative to building a culture that supports innovation and growth. In order to meet our students' needs, leaders must embrace the mindset of digital leadership. The Indiana DOE eLearning Lab intends to support teachers in their quest to improve student achievement. Monthly webinars are hosted by the eLearning Lab.

***Webinars last one hour. Attendees will receive one PGP for attending the live webinar.**

For current webinars visit the [Indiana DOE eLearning Lab](#) webpage.

For archived webinars visit the eLearning Lab YouTube [Playlist](#).

Do you have a topic you would like us to cover? Or do you have comments or questions about the eLearning Lab? Please contact us at elarning@doe.in.gov.

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