

# Free Web Sites on Education

## I. DATABASES FOR EDUCATION:

**GATEWAY TO EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS PROJECT: (GEM)** (Education Dept.) <http://thegateway.org/>

**ERIC: EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES INFORMATION CENTER:**  
<http://www.eric.ed.gov> Links to hundreds of thousands of free, full text articles in various aspects of Education.

**One can search the ERIC Database directly at this address:**  
[http://www.eric.ed.gov/ERICWebPortal/Home.portal?nfpb=true&\\_pageLabel=advanced](http://www.eric.ed.gov/ERICWebPortal/Home.portal?nfpb=true&_pageLabel=advanced)  
No registration is required to search this database.

**DOAJ: Directory of Open Access Journals:** <http://www.doaj.org>  
Covers over 3800 journals in all fields, including Journals in the field of Education and related allied fields. All articles are full text and may be printed or downloaded. No registration is required to search this database.

**Social Science Research Network:** Covers journals and published conference papers in all fields of the Social Sciences, including Education. One does need to register first to access this database, but registration is absolutely free. <http://hq.ssrn.com>

To register for this database and for full text article access, go to:  
<http://hq.ssrn.com/Participant.cfm?rectype=add&funct=new>

## II. EDUCATOR'S REFERENCE DESK:

**EDUCATOR'S REFERENCE DESK FOR PRACTITIONERS AND RESEARCHERS:** <http://www.eduref.org/>  
Covers all subject fields in Education.

## III. LESSON PLANS:

**EDUCATIONAL LESSON PLANS**  
<http://www.eduref.org/Virtual/Lessons/index.shtml>

**CURRIKI:** Curriculum Guides and Lesson plans for hundreds of different topics: a great resource for educators and students and teachers! Funded in part by the US Department of Education: <http://www.curriki.org/xwiki/bin/view/Main/WebHome>

**ALL ABOUT BLOGS AND WIKIS:**

[http://www.curriki.org/xwiki/bin/view/Coll\\_rsurland/InternetBlogsandWikis](http://www.curriki.org/xwiki/bin/view/Coll_rsurland/InternetBlogsandWikis)

**LESSON PLANS ON GLOBALIZATION:**

[http://www.curriki.org/xwiki/bin/view/Coll\\_Rweiner/Globalization101org](http://www.curriki.org/xwiki/bin/view/Coll_Rweiner/Globalization101org)  
[Afreewebsiteforteachingaboutglobalization](http://www.curriki.org/xwiki/bin/view/Coll_Rweiner/Globalization101org)

**NATIONAL ENDOWMENT OF THE HUMANITIES EDSITEMENT:**

<http://edsitement.neh.gov/> Includes Lesson Plans and Educational Resources for many topics a highly useful resource for students and teachers alike!

**IDEAS: UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN EXTENSION SERVICE:**

<http://www.ideas.wisconsin.edu/#> LESSON PLANS IN ALL AREAS

**DIGITAL CLASSROOM FROM THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

<http://www.archives.gov/education/index.html> Includes Lesson Plans and Worksheets.

**FREE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS and a few free textbooks as well:**

<http://www.cnx.org/>:

CNX: Connexions is:

a place to view and share educational material made of small knowledge chunks called modules that can be organized as courses, books, reports, *etc.* Anyone may view or contribute:

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## **IV. EDUCATIONAL AND DOCUMENTARY VIDEOS:**

**ANNENBERG MEDIA: TEACHING VIDEOS ON DEMAND TO ENHANCE  
TEACHER LEARNING: AWARD WINNING WEBSITE (5 STARS)**

**[Advancing Excellent Teaching in American Schools](#)**

Annenberg Media uses media and telecommunications to advance excellent teaching in American schools. This mandate is carried out chiefly by the funding and broad distribution of educational video programs with coordinated Web and print materials for the professional development of K-12 teachers. It is part of [The Annenberg Foundation](#) and advances the Foundation's goal of encouraging the development of more effective ways to share ideas and knowledge.

Annenberg Media's multimedia resources help teachers increase their expertise in their fields and assist them in improving their teaching methods. Many programs are also intended for students in the classroom and viewers at home. All Annenberg Media videos exemplify excellent teaching.

**The Main URL** is: <http://www.learner.org/index.html>

**TWO FURTHER OPTIONS FOR THIS AWARD WINNING WEBSITE:**

One can browse Teacher Resources (including free Videos on Demand) at:

<http://www.learner.org/resources/browse.html> **OR:**

One can improve teaching skills **or** students can learn improve their understanding of how a subject works through the section on **Workshops and Courses** at:

[http://www.learner.org/channel/workshops/workshop\\_list.html](http://www.learner.org/channel/workshops/workshop_list.html) (This site also include free VIDEOS on DEMAND!)

**BLINKX: Search for Educational Videos using one of the best search engines just for videos:** <http://blinkx.com/>

Blinkx is the world's largest and most advanced video search engine. Fed by automatic spiders that crawl the web for audio video content and having content partnerships with over 200 leading media companies, blinkx uses advanced content analysis to better retrieve educational content.

**V: BEST EDUCATIONAL WEBSITES:**

**BEACON LEARNING CENTER: FREE RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS TO ENHANCE LEARNING:**

<http://www.beaconlearningcenter.com/>

**TOP 20 EDUCATIONAL WEB SITES:** <http://www.top20education.com/>

**RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS (from the U.S. CONSULATE, KRAKOW):**

<http://krakow.usconsulate.gov/studyus/resources-for-teachers.html>

**VI: COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID:**

**COLLEGE NAVIGATOR** This source for college information allows you to search for U.S. colleges by name, location, type of institution, and programs/majors. Provides material about expenses, financial aid, enrollment, admission, athletics, and more. Includes multiple institutions on a "favorites" list to see side-by-side comparisons. **Also includes links to material about applying for financial aid and careers.** From the Institute of Education Science (IES) National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education.

<http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

## **VII: FACT CHECKING:**

**HOW TO FACT CHECK:** <http://www.factchecked.org/> Helps students develop analytical thinking and reasoning skills, with lesson plans. A curriculum aid to teach students how to be savvy consumers of news. Include lesson plans on analytical thinking, fact-finding, and recognizing deception, and on understanding political discussions of current issues. Also includes a dictionary of political and journalism terms, and a guide to internet sources

## **VIII: OPEN RESOURCES: QUALITY FREE RESOURCES:**

**OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES:** <http://www.oercommons.org/>  
A clearinghouse of free teaching and learning resources – from K-12 lesson plans to college curriculum.

**OPEN CULTURE** – <http://www.oculture.com/2007/07/freeonlinecourses.html>  
A listing of free, on-line courses from U.S. universities. A blog entry, this list was fairly up-to-date in 2007.

**WIKI BOOKS:** <http://www.wikibooks.org> 28,000 open content textbooks in all areas.

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## **PART IX: U. S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:**

**U.S. Department of Education:** <http://www.ed.gov>

U.S. Department of State: Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs: EducationUSA  
<http://educationusa.state.gov/>

VISA INFORMATION: <http://educationusa.state.gov/home/visa-information>

U.S. Department of State – Youth and Education  
<http://www.state.gov/youthandeducation/>

USAID's Educational Partnership Program

[http://www.usaid.gov/our\\_work/education\\_and\\_universities/](http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/education_and_universities/)

Global Observations to Benefit the Environment – The GLOBE Program

<http://www.globe.gov/fsl/html/templ.cgi?about>

Bureau of Cultural and Educational Affairs, ECA (U.S. Department of State)

<http://exchanges.state.gov/education/>

U.S. Department of State: Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs: Fulbright Program

<http://exchanges.state.gov/education/fulbright/>

U.S. Department of State: Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs: International Visitor Leadership Program

<http://exchanges.state.gov/education/ivp/>

Guide to U.S. Department of Education Programs and Resources (Department of Education): <http://www.ed.gov/programs/gtep/index.html>

National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)

<http://www.nces.ed.gov/>

U.S. Network for Education Information. Studying in the United States

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ous/international/usnei/us/edlite-study-us.html>

## **PART X: ORGANIZATIONS**

American Council on Education

<http://www.acenet.edu//AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home>

American Association of Community Colleges

<http://www.aacc.nche.edu/>

American Federation of Teachers

<http://www.aft.org/>

Colleges and Universities

<http://www.50states.com/college/>

College Opportunities Online (COOL)

<http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE)  
<http://www.ciee.org/>

Education Resource Organizations Directory  
<http://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/Programs/EROD/>

East Carolina University's Global Initiatives Course  
<http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/globalinitiatives/course.cfm>

The Global Habitat Project – Greenscreen  
<http://www.greenscreen.org/>

Institute for International Education  
<http://www.iie.org/>

International Education Service (IES)  
<http://ies-ed.com/html/index.html>

NAFSA: The Association of International Educators  
<http://www.nafsa.org/>

National Education Association (NEA)  
<http://www.nea.org/index.html>

## **BLOGS:**

### **The 100 Best Blogs in Education:**

<http://www.universityreviewsonline.com/2005/10/100-most-inspiring-and-innovative-blogs-for-educators.html>

## **Other Links**

Accreditation in the United States

<http://www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/index.html>

The Education Resources Information Center (ERIC) Database

<http://www.eric.ed.gov/>

Educator's Reference Desk

<http://www.eduref.org/>

eduPASS! The SmartStudent Guide to Studying in the USA

<http://www.edupass.org/>

English Language Programs

<http://www.studyabroad.com/esl/text.html>.

Federal Resources for Educational Excellence

<http://www.ed.gov/free/index.html>

Hobsons U.S. Education Guides

<http://www.useduguides.com/>

Network for Education Information

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ous/international/usnei/edlite-index.html>.

Peterson's Distance Learning Programs

<http://www.petersons.com/distancelearning/code/search.asp?sponsor=>

Peterson's Guide for International Students

[http://www.petersons.com/college\\_home.asp?path=ug.home](http://www.petersons.com/college_home.asp?path=ug.home)

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

<http://www.ets.org/portal/site/ets/menuitem.fab2360b1645a1de9b3a0779f1751509/?vgnextoid=69c0197a484f4010VgnVCM10000022f95190RCRD>

USA Study Guide

<http://www.usastudyguide.com/>

**CHECK [WWW.AMERICA.GOV](http://www.america.gov) FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

## **PART XI: eJournals**

**DIRECTORY OF EJOURNALS IN ALL SUBJECT AREAS:**

<http://www.e-journals.org>

Check out the free e-Journals on Education available on America.gov:

<http://www.america.gov/publications/ejournalusa.html>



Are you looking for short, fun facts about the United States -- from its economy and government to sports and entertainment? If so, spend some time with this colorful map and its accompanying facts, statistics, and lists: You'll be surprised by what you find out. **FREE USA MAP:**

<http://www.america.gov/publications/books.html#usamap>

**STUDENT CORNER WITH MANY FREE PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT THIS WEBSITE:** <http://www.america.gov/publications/student-corner.html>

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A constantly updated web site with numerous related resources:  
<http://irosteveperry.pbworks.com/irosteveperry>

For example, check out the  
DISTANCE EDUCATION BIBLIOGRAPHY AND  
THE FREE LESSON PLANS on this site,

and numerous other bibliographies and resources.