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## **More Than a Teacher Network: Educators Get the Professional Collaboration Site They've Been Waiting For**

All educators are invited to join [Education World Community](#), a new professional networking site that uses the latest technology to help them interact in meaningful ways.

The site was created by Education World, a longtime provider of free educational resources. The Education World team worked closely with educators to develop a site that takes social media technology and educational resource sharing to a new level.

"The Community provides a full range of capabilities for collaboration at a professional level," explains Rich Datz, Education World general manager. "Educators now have one site where they can blog, join a discussion, and most importantly, form groups that can be public or private. For example, educators are forming public groups to connect with others in a similar field, while districts are setting up private groups for use within the district."

Educators have access to lesson plans from Education World as well as lesson plans and resources contributed by members, including videos. Users have already shared a variety of resources:

- A video demonstrating how to fasten desks together so that young students stay focused, posted on the [video wall](#) (Please log in to view videos.)
- An activity that lets kids generate fun ["top 10" lists on any academic topic](#)
- A [template for a student thank-you note](#)

The site makes life easier for educators, says the site's social media editor, Sarah Caron. "Everything is easy to use. In the left sidebar, educators will find the Top Rated Resources, the Most Popular Resources, and the Top Sharing Educators, putting the active online community at their fingertips.

"The discussion groups are one of my favorite features. You can participate in groups of interest to you, or you can choose to lead a group or a Professional Learning Community. Participants have told us that joining discussions helped them feel really supported, like they had a whole team of professional mentors sitting nearby," Sarah added.



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After a simple sign-up, educators can access every Community resource for free. The site is open to teachers, administrators, parents and other education stakeholders. Please visit <http://community.educationworld.com> to join today.

For more information on forming a private community for a school or a school district, please click on the “Feedback” link on the Community homepage and send a short note with your request.

Education World Community was launched by [Education World](http://EducationWorld.com), "The Educator's Best Friend™." More than 300,000 educators view millions of pages each month. Education World provides K-12 resources to teachers, administrators and school technology coordinators to enhance instruction and improve student performance. All resources are free all the time, and new content is added daily. Resources include K-12 lesson plans, professional development articles and more. The site was recently updated to make it easier to use.

Education World's parent company is EDmin. Based in San Diego, EDmin's focus is Connecting Educators to What Works. The company has been working with schools and districts for 20 years and serves nearly 4 million users in all 50 states and the international market. EDmin is best known for the INFORM<sup>®</sup> Learning System, an enterprise-level platform that integrates assessment, reporting, resources and community capabilities with an academic data warehouse. For more information, please visit [edmin.com](http://edmin.com).

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