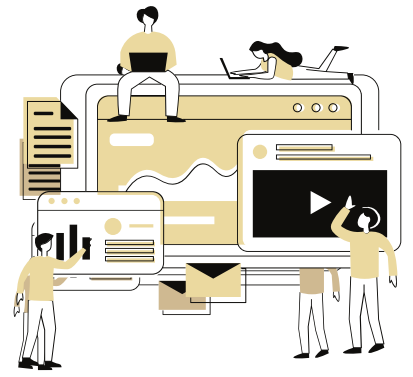


Creating a Teacher Website

Classroom Website Basics

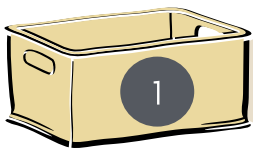
Benefits of a Classroom Website

- Two-way interaction and a shared space for teachers, students, and parents
- Safe access to a hub for class notifications and supplemental resources
- Store and organize created and shareable content to document teaching and learning experiences
- Clarity of class' expectations



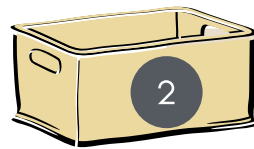
Getting Started

Tip: Think of your classroom website as organized storage bins of information.



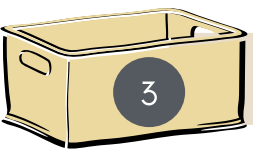
Landing Page

- **Welcome & Description** - Include a friendly introduction and purpose for the website. A class description is useful to distinguish multiple class sections. This information can also include the objectives, expectations, and course schedule.
- **Students' Work** - A slideshow of snapshots of students' work can replace the traditional student bulletin board
- **Contact Information** - Include preferred communication method, contact hours, and office hours
- **Instructor Presence** - Include connecting points to families by demonstrating 'realness'. Consider including fun facts, pictures, or a quote/joke for the week.
- **Organization** - A navigation bar for other pages



Student-Centered Page

- **Class Expectations** - Include the class syllabus, classroom management plan, and upcoming assignments and projects.
- **Supplemental Resources** - Attach, hyperlink, or embed handouts, videos or tutorials for more practice time on challenging course material.
- **Instructor Presence** - Include the teacher's contact information and how students can easily connect if they have questions.
- **Class Chatroom** - Include a discussion board with a fun name for students to know that they can post class-related questions here to promote student-student assistance. Monitor chatroom in case topics need to be addressed as a whole group or in the next recorded video.



Family-Centered Page

- **Class Expectations** - Include the class syllabus, classroom management plan, and upcoming assignments and projects. Note topics that students have **historically** experienced challenges with to caution families.
- **Technical Difficulties** - Include a **quick checklist** for steps families and students can take if they experience technical challenges.
- **Supplemental Resources** - Similar to the student-centered page, provide resources. Focus more on **providing tips** that would be beneficial for parents and guardians to assist their students at home.
- **Instructor Presence** - Include the teacher's contact information and how families can easily connect if they have questions. Also, include links to the school's website.
- **Class Chatroom** - Similar to the student-centered page, families could have a separate chatroom to post questions they have. Monitor chatroom in case topics need to be addressed in a **class newsletter** or in the next recorded video.



In what ways can a class website be *helpful* for your context?

How will you communicate your class' website to promote *connectedness*?

Free Website Platforms

For Teachers and Student Creators



Google Sites



Weebly



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