

nonLMS tools to be added to OLTD 504 Wikispace

Gradebook

JumpRope <https://www.jumpro.pe/>

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Link to a very comprehensive 'how to video'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oyLIKKU0A8Q>

This free online site allows you to create and maintain a web based grade book. The site was designed by a teacher for other teachers which is evident once you log in. All the tools that you need to set up students and courses are at your fingertips with a very simple interface. Many of the set up instructions can be completed within four easy steps. When you log into the site, the dashboard's appearance is more than that of a spreadsheet. This site will also allow you to take attendance, comment on students' behavior/character and create unit plans based on standards. There are a lot of tutorials inside of the program that are easy to use and help you progress along the way. It would take some time to set up but it appears to be intuitive without unnecessary fields to complete. If there are issues, tech help is available and there are help buttons on every screen.

I can see this program appealing to elementary teachers. The way the classes and students are set up, it seems to flow much easier for someone who is working with just a single class, although they do recommend its use for middle and high school teachers also. The site also promotes the importance of having accurate, live data on other aspects besides just grades.

The only downside of this program that might exist is that it is based out of the United States. A large component of this program is using standards to create curriculum and therefore, use standard based assessment. If you were to use this site, this issue can be overcome because as an individual user, not a district user, you can create your own standards

Eportfolio

DoYouBuzz (posted by Kym Toporowski)

<http://www.doyoubuzz.com/us/>

video on how to use DoYouBuzz <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OP9fSVRCZCY>

A free resume/eporfolio site that's easy to use and visually stunning. Simple to apply for a new account: requires only an email address. Once into the program, you are given guidance at the important features that would be included in an eportfolio. The categories boxes then pop up and you fill in the pertinent information. Once all the details are entered, the pieces are then displayed on the page and it gives the appearance of a yearbook page or a very detailed Facebook page. You can also submit media files such as audio, images and video. Basically, the options for content are endless. Once the information is selected, you can then personalize it by choosing from a long list of different design templates. You can also add in different links to other pieces of work that you would like to include or other personal sites that you are maintaining. At the end of the process, you can then chose to create a web based portfolio, print option and even a mobile display of the page is available.

I feel that this site would be a great chose for students to use in creating an eportfoliio. It's very easy to manipulate and create new pages. As you go through the process of adding in information, the page build itself one step at a time. The final product that is created would, in my opinion, appeal visually to adolescents. It has a 'poster boad' or a scrapbook feel to the product but is a modern version with the ability to add in video and audio files.

The only downside to this program is that you do get locked into certain templates with different design choices. Although the built in designs are visually appealing, it can be frustrating at times not to be able to build things from the ground up. The only other issues, like many free web based programs, is that you receive on the basic options with this version. Upgrades are available but at a price.