What is an Online Learning Platform?

An Online Learning Platform is a virtual classroom where organizational tools, lessons, applications, online computer software, virtual experiences, assessment, and work galleries are all brought to one place that can be accessed anywhere in the world using an electronic device.

Online Learning Platforms allow students to review lessons just about anywhere - from a laptop computer in the comfort of their own home - to their phones while on water breaks at the ballpark. They also help keep students on track when they are absent because students can do the lessons at home on an electronic device.

Parents enjoy Online Learning Platforms because it helps them stay informed about their child’s education, as well as the day to day events going on at school. Parents like seeing their child at work through video clips and live feeds, viewing galleries of students’ work online, and monitoring their student’s grades.

Online Learning Platforms have become a best practice and are the future of Education. Some companies charge schools thousands of dollars to create these and most are not even tailored for specific classroom subject matter or individual student needs. In this class, you will learn to create an Online Learning Platform that is content specific and that meets the needs of your students at very little or no cost to you!
Steps to Creating an Online Learning Platform

1. **Find a Platform Host**
   - Find a learning management system, website creator, or use a combination of both.

2. **Create a Class Planner**
   - Embed a calendar, post announcements and important information, and create quick links.

3. **Design Lesson Modules**
   - Establish learning goals, present content, design activities, and administer formative assessments.

4. **Set Up Work & Test Portals**
   - Create hubs, connect assignments, and embed or link tests.

5. **Generate Student Tools**
   - Manufacture and embed study guides and arcades. Link extension activities and practice games.

6. **Produce Work Galleries**
   - Assemble and display student work. Upload videos and create live streams of class activities.

7. **Develop Contacts & Blogs**
   - Provide a contact form and contact information. Construct discussion blogs about class content.

8. **Manage Your Platform**
   - Update planner, revise lesson modules, add to work galleries, turn test links on and off, and add student tools.
Technology Lesson

Activities

Newspaper Generator
www.fodey.com

Flag Generator
www.flag-designer.appspot.com

Comic Strip Generator
www.storyboardthat.com

Mind Map Creator
bubble.us

Timeline Generator
www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/interactives/timeline_2/

Interactive Presentation Maker
www.prezi.com

Multi-Media Presentation & Scrapbooking
www.instagrok.com

Word Art Creator
www.tagxedo.com

Infographic Creator
www.canva.com

Graph and Chart Generator
https://nces.ed.gov/nceskids/createagraph/

Website Creators
www.weebly.com
www.wix.com
www.wordpress.com
www.ehost.com
www.web.com

Learning Management Systems
www.engrade.com
www.schoology.com
www.edmodo.com
www.moodle.org
www.talentlms.com
www.microsoft.com/education
www.livebinders.com

Test and Quiz Makers
www.proprofs.com
www.quibblo.com
www.quizlet.com
www.quia.com
www.quizstar.4teachers.com
www.classmarker.com

Teacher Administrative Tools
www.google.com/calendar
www.remind.com
www.appgeyser.com
www.classdojo.com
www.learningearnings.com
www.symbaloo.com
TEACHER CREATION TOOLS

www.classtools.net
www.superteachertools.us
www.polldaddy.com
www.jeopardylabs.com
www.cyocyoa.com
www.proprofs.com
www.scribd.com
www.printfriendly.com
www.signupgenius.com
www.lizardpoint.com

STUDY GAME MAKERS

Individual Play
www.purposegames.com
www.what2learn.com
www.brainrush.com
www.crosswordlabs.com
www.educaplay.com
www.kubbu.com
www.sploder.com
www.teachers-direct.co.uk

Class Review
www.kahoot.it.com
www.jeopardylabs.com
www.flipquiz.me

Both Individual & Class Play
www.classtools.net
www.superteachertools.us
www.proprofs.com
www.flippity.net

PLANNING & INSTRUCTIONAL TOOLS

www.chalkable.com
www.planbookedu.com
www.commoncurriculum.com
www.interventioncentral.org
www.rubistar.4teachers.org
www.edutecher.net
www.serendip-o-matic.com
www.webquest.org
www.padlet.com

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

www.edutopia.org
www.learner.org
www.edudemic.com
www.educationworld.com
www.ascd.org/professional-development/pd-online.aspx

PARENT AND CHILD RESOURCES

www.parenttoolkit.com
www.childdevelopmentinfo.com
www.parentfurther.com/content/ages-10-14-developmental-overview
### Math
- www.wolframalpha.com
- www.khanacademy.org
- www.nlvm.usu.edu/en/nav/vlibrary.html
- www.jimwilder.com
- www.illuminations.nctm.org/Default.aspx
- www.coolmath.com
- www.prodigygame.com
- www.mathgoodies.com

### Cross-Curricular Resources
- www.brainpop.com
- www.enchantedlearning.com
- www.edhelper.com
- www.learnerstv.com/index.php
- www.neok12.com
- www.watchknowlearn.org
- www.amnh.org/explore
- www.mrnussbaum.com
- www.si.edu
- www.discoveryeducation.com
- www.commoncoresheets.com
- www.teach-nology.com
- www.learner.org
- www.factmonster.com
- www.merlot.org/merlot/index.htm
- www.softschools.com
- www.hippacampus.org
- www.teachingchannel.org
- www.powtton.com
- www.educationworld.com
- www.educlipper.net/main.html

### Science
- www.nsta.org
- www.ocw.mit.edu/high-school
- www.nasa.gov/audience/forstudents/index.html
- www.exploratorium.edu/cooking/index.html
- www.phet.colorado.edu
- www.forensics.rice.edu
- www.biologycorner.com
- www.nationalgeographic.org/education/teaching-resources/
- www.bbc.co.uk/science/earth/natural_disasters

### Reading & Language
- www.studygs.net
- www.readwritethink.org
- www.readworks.org
- www.spellingcity.com
- www.citethisforme.com
- www.readable.io
- www.scolastic.com
- www.tweentrivium.com
- www.newsela.com
- www.hpread.scholastic.com
- www.activelylearn.com
- www.thinkcerca.com
- www.literacy.uconn.edu/index.htm
- www.literature-map.com
- www.arbookfind.com
- www.ttms.org/index.htm
- www.owl.english.purdue.edu/owl
- www.chompchomp.com/menu.htm
- www.lexipedia.com
- www.classroom-aid.com/educational-resources/language-artz
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