# **ONLINE TEACHING TOOLS**

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Dear Teachers,

We believe participating in e-Space should be as simple for you as possible, which is why we allow you to choose which tools you use to facilitate your exchange(s). In order to support you, we have created a list of tools you may find helpful for completing various aspects of the exchange(s).

This list, which includes an overview of each tool's functionalities, is only a sample of all the tools available online. You may find others that better suit your needs or with which you are more comfortable.

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# **OVERVIEW**

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# VIRTUAL CLASSROOM

# ADOBE CONNEC



Adobe Connect is a virtual classroom program designed specifically for teachers and schools.

#### The application is suitable far the fallowing:

Meeting online synchronously. Students and teachers can converse over audio, video, and chat, work on tasks in groups, and present projects. Adobe Connect offers cooperative tools such as a whiteboard, spaces for notes, and polls. It allows you to create workshops and make data files and available for download.

#### **Technical Features:**

!Installing application software (Windows, macOS) is required to use all functions. You can access the application through a web browser (Windows, macOS) or through a smart phone/tablet (iOS, Android), but will have limited functions available.

#### **Registration:**

Account required for teachers. Students can access via an invitation/ or link.

#### Price:

Price based on coverage; three-month trial version available.

#### Website:

https://www.adobe.com/products/adobeconnect.html











# 2. ONLINE CONFERENCE ROOMS

#### **GOOGLE MEET**



Google Meet is Google's video conference software.

#### The application is suitable far the fallowing:

Meeting synchronously online. Students can present project results and converse over audio, video, and chat. Google Meet offers conference tools such as screen sharing, chats, announcements, integrated file sharing, moderator functions and a waiting room.

#### Technical Features:

Supported platforms: web browser (Windows, mac0S) and smart phone/ tablet (iOS, Android). Video conferences can have up to 100 participants in the basic version and have no time limit.

#### **Registration:**

Account required for teachers; student can gain access via link.

Free for video conferences limited to 60 minutes

#### Website:

https://meet.google.com











# 2. ONLINE CONFERENCE ROOMS

# **700M**



**Zoom** is suitable for video conferences. It's easy to operate and highly accessible to most users.

#### The application is suitable far the fallowing:

Meeting online synchronously. Students can present project results and converse over audio, video, and chat. Zoom offers conference tools such as screen sharing, chats, integrated file sharing, call-in, a waiting room, session recording options, and special moderator functions.

#### Technical Features:

Supported platforms: web browser (Windows, macOS) and smart phone/ tablet (iOS, Android). Video conferences including up to 100 participants and lasting up to 40 minutes are covered in the basic version.

#### Registration:

Account for teachers required; students can gain access with link or PIN.

#### Price:

The basic version is free. A paid subscription is required for longer or bigger conferences with more functions.

#### Website:

https://www.zoom.us











# MESSENGER SERVICES

### GROUPME



Grouf]me is a specialist in group chats. Users without smart phones or computers can participate via text messages.

### The application is suitable far the fallowing:

Conversing quickly and easily in groups with a smart phone or computer. GroupMe offers both direct messages and group chats, file sharing, Skype integration, and the ability to create polls and calendar invites. Individuals' phone numbers and email addresses are hidden from a group's participants, enhancing privacy.

#### **Technical Features:**

Supported platforms: web browser (Windows, macOS), smartphone/tablet (iOS, Android), and mobile phone (SMS).

#### Registration:

Requires a phone number, Facebook, or Twitter account.

#### Price:

Free. Fees apply for in-app purchases and participation per SMS (dependent on carrier).

#### Website:

https://groupme.com











# 3. MESSENGER SERVICES

#### **SIGNAL**



Signal is a messaging and VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) service with excellent data protection.

# The application is suitable far the fallowing:

Conversing quickly and easily in groups via a smart phone. The service offers functions such as encrypted individual and group chats, file sharing, voice recording, voice chat, and video chat.

#### **Technical Features:**

Supported platforms: web browser (Windows, macOS) and smart phone/tablet (iOS, Android).

#### Registration:

Phone number required.

Price:

Free.

Website:

https://signal.org







# MESSENGER SERVICES

### **TELEGRAM**



*Telegram* is a messaging and VoIP service with excellent data protection.

#### The application is suitable far the fallowing:

Conversing quickly and easily with a smart phone or computer. The service offers optional encrypted individual chats, unencrypted group chats, file sharing, voice recording, voice and video chat.

#### Technical Features:

Supported platforms: web browser (Windows, macOS, Linux) and smart phone/tablet (iOS, Android).

#### Registration:

Phone number required.

Price:

Free.

Website:

https://telegram.org











# 4. PHOTO STORIES, PRESENTATIONS, AND COMICS

### **ADOBE SPARK**





Adobe Spark allows users to create multimedia presentations (photo stories, slide shows, etc.) and share them with others.

### The application is suitable far the fallowing:

Creating social media posts, video clips, simple webpages, photo stories, and/or slide shows. Working individually or with teams, students can edit photo and video based on built-in templates.

#### **Technical Features:**

Supported platforms: Web browser (Windows, macOS) and smart phone/tablet (iOS, Android). Spark is available as a web app.

#### Registration:

Account required for students; projects can be shared via link.

#### Price:

Free basic function, with paid upgrades.

#### Website:

https://spark.adobe.com/de-DE/









# 4. PHOTO STORIES, PRESENTATIONS, AND COMICS

#### **BOOK CREATOR**



Easily create your own eBook with Book Creator.

### The application is suitable far the fallowing:

Designing eBooks to be read by others. Book Creator is also suitable for presentations. These can be saved either as an eBook, PDF, or video, and then sent via email, link, or a cloud service.

#### Technical Features:

Supported platforms: Chrome (Windows, macOS) and smart phone/tablet (iOS, Android).

#### Registration:

An account or Google account is required for the browser version.

#### Price:

Free browser version and basic app for iOS (with reduced functionality). Offers in-app purchases. For schools: full version "Book Creator for iPad" available for a reduced price without in-app purchases.

#### Website:

https://www.bookcreator.com









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# **EDUCREATIONS**

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**Educreations** allows students to create multimedia presentations on a virtual whiteboard using a web browser or iPad and share them with others.

#### The application is suitable far the fallowing:

Creating multimedia presentations with pictures, documents, maps, webpages, and audio recordings. The application provides simple picture editing tools. The whiteboard slides can be shared online on the Educreations platform or via YouTube, Edmodo, Twitter, Google Drive, etc.

#### Technical Features:

Supported platforms: web browser (Windows, macOS) and iPad (iOS).

#### Registration:

Account required for students and teachers; teachers can create and manage classes, as well as register students with a code.

#### Price:

The basic version is free for teachers. An advanced range of functions is available for a fee.

#### Website:

https://www.educreations.com











# 4. PHOTO STORIES, PRESENTATIONS, AND COMICS

# **POWTOON**



Powtoon allows students to create animated presentations and clips.

#### The application is suitable far the fallowing:

Creating multimedia presentations, explainer videos, and clips. The application offers a selection of premade templates, characters, and objects. In the free version, videos can be up to three minutes long and can be uploaded to YouTube, Facebook, Vimeo, etc.

#### **Technical Features:**

Supported platforms: web browser (Windows, macOS) and Powtoon Connect for smart phone/tablet (iOS, Android).

#### Registration:

Account required for teachers and students.

#### Price:

The basic version is free. Various paid upgrades are available.

#### Website:

https://www.powtoon.com









# 4. PHOTO STORIES, PRESENTATIONS, AND COMICS

# **STORVBOARDTHAT**

Storyboardhat

With *StoryboardThat*, students can create online comics.

#### The application is suitable far the fallowing:

Creating comics. Students can choose between different backgrounds, characters, speech bubbles, shapes, and illustrations.

#### Technical Features:

Supported platforms: web browser (Windows, macOS).

#### Registration:

Account required for teachers.

#### Price:

Free version available for 14 days, then fees are required for teachers. Pricing depends on the number of students. Students do not need an account.

#### Website:

https://www.storyboardthat.com











# 4. PHOTO STORIES, PRESENTATIONS, AND COMICS

#### STORY JUMPER



*Story Jumper* iis a website where students can create and publish their own illustrated stories and books.

#### The application is suitable far the fallowing:

Working either individually or in groups to create illustrated stories with photos, pictures, and illustration templates. Students can use a text editor and upload their own voice recordings to enhance their comics.

#### Technical Features:

Supported platforms: web browser (Windows, macOS).

#### Registration:

Account required for students.

Price:

Free.

Website:

https://www.storyjumper.com











# 5. VIDEO PRODUCTION

# EXPLAIN EVERYTHING



Ex[Jlain Euerything is an application for creating multimedia explainer videos on a virtual whiteboard and sharing them with others.

#### The application is suitable far the fallowing:

Creating explainer videos by students for students. This application can also be used in student-led classes.

#### **Technical Features:**

The app is cross-platform but has different functionalities on each operating system. The iOS app is the most user-friendly comprehensive. The application is available for iPad, Android, Chromebook, and browser.

#### Registration:

Account required.

Price:

Free.

Website:

https://explaineverything.com/











# 5. VIDEO PRODUCTION

# **FLIPGRID**



Flipgrid is an application that allows students to create videos (up to five minutes long) and then respond to their peers' videos with video comments.

#### The application is suitable far the fallowing:

Creating a video as a response to a given question or assignment. Teachers set up a so-called "grid" for a class, within which teachers can post videos asking students to respond to various topics. Students then respond to the teacher's video and each other's.

#### Technical Features:

Supported platforms: web browser (Windows, macOS) and smart phone/ tablet (iOS, Android).

#### Registration:

Account required for teachers. Students post their videos via links sent out by the teacher.

#### Price:

Free.

#### Website:

https://info.tlipgrid.com/









# 5. VIDEO PRODUCTION

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My Simoleshow is an application for creating simple explainer videos.

### The application is suitable far the fallowing:

Creating explainer videos. Students choose a video template, create a script, and select pictures. The software then selects keywords for each scene and automatically adds graphics.

#### **Technical Features:**

Supported platforms: web browser (Windows, macOS).

#### Registration:

Account required for students.

Free classroom license for teachers for up to 50 students.

#### Website:

https://www.mysimpleshow.com/











# 6. DIGITAL BULLETIN BOARDS

### **MENTIMETER**



*Mentimeter* is a tool for creating interactive presentations.

#### The application is suitable far the fallowing:

Using a smart phone, tablet, or computer, students can take part in surveys or quizzes created by their teachers. Students can create word clouds, post on bulletin boards, etc., with the results appearing live during the presentation. Mentimeter works online, and can be used during synchronous online classes.

#### **Technical Features:**

Supported platforms: web browser (Windows, macOS).

#### Registration:

Account required for teachers. Students can gain access via a code.

#### Price:

The basic version is free, with advanced functions available for purchase.

#### Website:

https://www.mentimeter.com











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# 6. DIGITAL BULLETIN BOARDS

### **PADLET**



*Pad/et* is a simple digital bulletin board.

The application is suitable far the fallowing: Creating aesthetically pleasing bulletin boards, comprised of photos, audio or video recordings, and text posts. Students can present projects

and comment on each other's work.

#### **Technical Features:**

Supported platforms: web browser (Windows and macOS) and smart phone/tablet (iOS and Android).

#### **Registration:**

Account required for teachers. Students can gain access with a personal account or link sent out by the teacher.

#### Price:

The free basic version includes three bulletin boards. "Padlet Backpack," a paid upgrade available for schools, includes enhancements and security features such as class management, access controls, and moderation tools.

#### Website:

https://padlet.com











# 7. DIGITAL COLLAGES

# **PICCOLLAGE**



*PicCollage* is photo editor with which you can create collages of images, videos, and text.

### The application is suitable far the fallowing:

Editing pictures and videos with a smart phone/tablet. Using preset templates, students can create animated collages that include text as well as photos. The collages can be shared over social media or via email.

#### **Technical Features:**

Supported platforms: smart phone/tablet (iOS and Android).

#### Registration:

No account required.

#### Price:

Free, with in-app purchases available.

#### Website:

https://piccollage.com











# 8. COLLABORATIVE WRITING AND BRAINSTORMING

# **ZUMPAD**



**ZUMpad** is an online tool for collaboratively curating and sharing information.

#### The application is suitable far the fallowing:

Working together to compile and share information via an online "pad," which is like a digital sheet of paper. Students can quickly create a pad and reach it over a unique web address. The pad updates in real time, allowing students to use it simultaneously.

#### **Technical Features:**

Supported platforms: web browser (Windows and macOS).

#### Registration:

No account required; access given to others via link.

#### Price:

Free.

#### Website:

https://zumpad.zum.de/







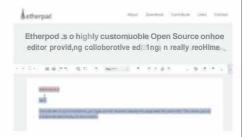




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# 8. COLLABORATIVE WRITING AND BRAINSTORMING

# **ETHERPAD**



Etherpad is an online editor for writing collaboratively.

#### The application is suitable far the fallowing:

Working together on a written assignment or brainstorming ideas in a group. It offers editor functions, synchronous or asynchronous writing functionality, and a chat function.

#### **Technical Features:**

Supported platforms: web browser (Windows and macOS)

#### **Registration:**

No registration is necessary. The open-source editor is available online.

#### Price:

Free.

#### Website:

https://etherpad.org/











# 9. SURVEYS **SURVEVMONKEV**

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Surueymonkey allows you to create professional quality online surveys.

#### The application is suitable far the fallowing:

Conducting polls digitally.

#### Technical Features:

Supported platforms: web browser (Windows and macOS).

#### Registration:

An account is required to create a poll, but not to take one.

#### Price:

The basic version is free and allows ten questions per survey.

#### Website:

https://www.surveymonkey.de/











# 9. SURVEYS

# **UMFRACIEONLINE**



Mit *Umfrageonline* allows you to create professional quality online surveys.

# The application is suitable far the fallowing:

Conducing online polls about everything and anything.

#### Technical Features:

Supported platforms: web browser (Windows and macOS) and smart phone/tablet (iOS and Android)

#### Registration:

An account is required to create surveys, but not to take them.

#### Price:

The basic version is free.

#### Website:

https://www.umfrageonline.com/







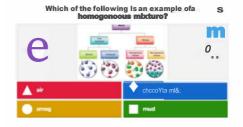


# 10. QUIZZES

# KAHOOT

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*Kahoot* allows you to create multiple-choice questions that can be answered via a browser or an app.

#### The application is suitable far the fallowing:

Answering questions either in an in-person competition, where students compete for points by being the first to answer questions correctly or asynchronously, where students simply answer a set number of multiple-choice questions.

#### **Technical Features:**

Supported platforms: web browser (Windows and macOS) and smart phone/tablet (iOS and Android).

#### Registration:

An account is required for teachers. Students can gain access via a link.

#### Price:

The basic version is free for teachers, with additional functions available as a paid upgrade.

#### Website:

https://kahoot.com











# 10. QUIZZES

# **EARNINGAPPS**



LearningApps allows you to create and edit small, interactive multimedia quizzes online.

#### The application is suitable far the fallowing:

Creating guizzes, surveys, and games using a variety of templates (ex. multiple choice, fill in the blank, color by number, pair matching, crossword puzzle). These can then be solved online over a web browser. LearningApps allows teachers to access the database of all the quizzes previously published by other teachers, and quizzes can be shared via other platforms, such as social media.

#### Technical Features:

Supported platforms: web browser (Windows and macOS).

#### Registration:

The public database is accessible without an account, but an account is required to create your own guizzes, as well as to create and manage logins for students/classes.

#### Price:

Free.

#### Website:

https://learningapps.org











# 10. QUIZZES

# **QUIZLET LIVE**



Quiz/et Liue allows you to create simple multiple-choice quizzes that can be accessed via a web browser or the app. Students can compete live in groups to answer the most questions correctly.

#### The application is suitable far the fallowing:

Evaluating student growth in an engaging, entertaining way.

#### Technical Features:

Supported platforms: web browser (Windows and macOS) and smart phone/tablet (iOS and Android)

#### Registration:

An account is required for teachers. Students can gain access via a link.

#### Price:

Free.

#### Website:

https://quizlet.com/de/features/1 ive







