

Start-Up Sheet: Wikispaces



What is it? A wiki is a fast, easy to create and manage website design tool.

Possible Uses: In education, wikis can be used to create dynamic class websites, student portfolios, discussion boards, collaborative web-spaces, and multimedia student projects.

Getting Started: Go to <http://www.wikispaces.com/site/for/teachers> and fill out the information to create a free teacher account. This will allow you to create an ad-free, private wiki community for your students. Note: your Wiki Name will be the URL your kids will type in to gain access to your site (*mywebsite.wikispaces.com*). You will also want to make your site PRIVATE if you intend on including student work.

Create Your Free K-12 Wiki

Username

Password

Email Address

Make a Wiki? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Wiki Name

Wiki Permissions ☒ Public (free) ☐ Protected (free) ☐ Private (free for educators; otherwise \$5/monthly)

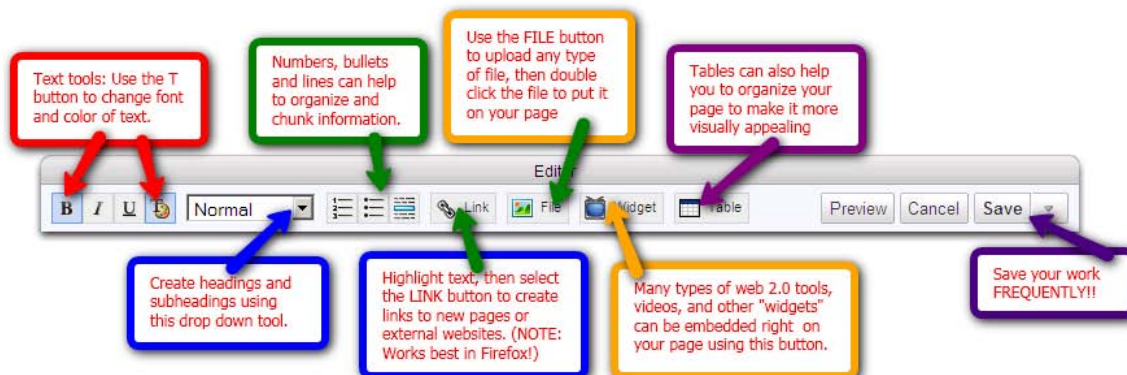
Educational Use ☒ I certify this wiki will be used for K-12 education.

Student Accounts: In our district, every student should have a wiki account, so they just need to log into wikispaces, go to your class wikipage and REQUEST MEMBERSHIP to your wiki. Once they do this, you will get a notice right on your site that states "so and so has requested membership..." You must manually approve all requests for them to be able to access the site.

Note: Please try to avoid having students create a Wikispaces ACCOUNT specifically for your class. This makes it difficult for them to manage and access multiple class wikis.

If your students do not have a wiki account, they can either create one at www.wikispaces.com OR you can go to MANAGE WIKI, and select the USER CREATOR tool to create multiple student accounts.

Editing Your Wiki: clicking on the EDIT tab will bring up the editing toolbar. Once you SAVE your work, it will be published live to your web page. See image below for an overview of editing tools.



Tips:

- ✓ Start small and add to it as you discover new uses
- ✓ Check out www.waystowiki.wikispaces.com for design tips and example wikis
- ✓ Teach your students to be responsible digital citizens by setting clear guidelines for discussion board etiquette, responsible posting, and basic copyright rules for posting online content.