



# HCDE Instructional Technology News

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## Blog and Wiki Resources

### [Edublogs](#)

Edublogs provides free blogs for teachers and students. Video tutorials are provided to help get started. Student blogs can be managed and moderated. Access Edublogs at <http://edublogs.org/>.

### [E Blogger](#)

E Blogger is a free blogging site that provides easy 1, 2, 3 directions to create a blog. You can access E Blogger at <https://www.blogger.com/start>.



### [Mrs. Elliott's Classroom Blog](#)

View this example of a fourth grade teacher's blog for her classroom. Mrs' Elliott's Classroom Blog is at <http://elliottsbeachparty.blogspot.com/>.

### [Wikispaces](#)

Wikispaces offers free and for-fee wiki pages for groups. Wikis allow group editing and group collaboration. Wikispaces is available at <http://www.wikispaces.com/>.

### [Mrs. L's Collaborative Learning](#)

View an example of a Biology teacher's classroom wiki at [http://collaborative-learning.wikispaces.com/Adaptations\\_Les2](http://collaborative-learning.wikispaces.com/Adaptations_Les2).

## Plagiarism Resources

### [Texas Virtual School Network Courses](#)

Online Instructor's Training, Part I, II, and III is required of all TxVSN online instructors. (30 hours; \$480) Cohorts are beginning soon!



- January 4 to February 13

- March 2 to April 19

<http://www.via-tx.org>

### [HCDE Online Courses](#)

- Brain Research—Using Technology to Support Delayed Learners (3 hours; \$50)
- Brain Research—Using Technology to Support ADD/ADHD Learners (3 hours; \$50)
- Marzano's Instructional Strategies and Technology—Similarities and Differences (3 hours; \$50)
- Marzano's Instructional Strategies and Technology—Summarizing and Note-taking (3 hours; \$50)
- Podcasting in the Classroom (3 hours; \$50)



Register at <http://wms.hcde-texas.org>.

## Photo Tools on the Web

### [FLickr](#)

Post photos online with FLickr and then share them with others. Create online photo albums, create tags, and get photos organized online. Access Flickr at <http://www.flickr.com/>.

### [Splashup](#)

Splashup is an online photo editing tool similar to Photoshop. It also allows photos to be linked and shared with Flickr, Facebook, and Picasa. Splashup is at <http://www.splashup.com/>.



### [Slide](#)

Slide allows you to upload photos and combine them into slideshows. It allows you to use photos to make a music video. Slideshows can be shared on Facebook, MySpace, and other sites. Slide is available at <http://www.slide.com/>.

### [Shutterfly](#)

Shutterfly allows you to create and print photo albums, mugs, posters, etc. Mail order prints are nine cents each. Shutterfly is at <http://www.shutterfly.com/>.

## Grants and Contests for the Classroom

### [HGTV Sweepstakes](#)

HGTV is currently offering four current sweepstakes for cash for home improvements, software, and other awards. Register for HGTV prizes at <http://www.hgtv.com/hgtv/sweepstakes/>. Enter every day!



### [Staples Foundation for Learning Grants](#)

Staples offers grants to schools three times a year. Applications are open February 27 to March 13, 2009.. Grants of \$5K to \$25K are awarded in areas of job skills, in education for all, and in those with emphasis on disadvantaged youth. The Staples grant information can be found at <http://www.staplesfoundation.org/foundapplication.html>.

### [You Be the Chemist Competition](#)

Chemical Education Foundation is offering a contest for teachers across the nation to provide an innovative lesson plan in grades K-8 in physical science. The winner will receive \$1,000, runner-ups can receive \$500 or \$250. Each winner's school also gets \$250 of science education materials. Apply by December 20, 2008 at [http://www.chemed.org/Lesson\\_Plan.html](http://www.chemed.org/Lesson_Plan.html).