



Digital Portfolios

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BLOG OR WIKI?

Which you should use depends on what you want to do with it. If you want to have students working individually on projects, posting data and replying to other students' posts, you probably want a blog. Although you could still do this with a wiki, it would probably be easier with a blog.

If, however, you want students to post group projects and work collaboratively, you probably would rather use a wiki.

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~BLOGS~			
Blogger <i>Set up individual or group blogs</i> www.blogger.com	FREE through a Gmail account (also free)	Yours to keep	Access Controls let you decide who can read and who can write to your blog. Code can be entered to remove the "previous" and "next" blog text at the top of your blog.
Edmodo- <i>Set up classes, interact with students, track grades, etc. Students can also upload work files.</i> www.edmodo.com	FREE (Premium options available through Edmodo store)	Information will be archived in read-only form.	"Student Accounts are completely private. Only private Group members can see other student profiles."
Edublogs <i>Secure student blogs. Should be allowed by school filters because it only hosts educational content.</i> www.edublogs.com	\$39.95/year for an Educator Pro account which then allows students to have free accounts.	Blogs are archived, but only teacher can access them.	Teacher controls the privacy options of student blogs.
Word Press http://wordpress.com www.wordpress.org - This is a download. Recommended for home use only.	FREE, but with premium upgrades available	Students keep blogs.	Secure

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~WIKIS~			
<p style="text-align: center;">PB Wiki</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Publish class notes, host student portfolios, create group projects, interact with students and parents</i></p> <p>http://pbworks.com/pbworks-classroom-edition</p>	<p>Free version (up to 100 users)</p> <p>\$99/year Premium version (up to 100 users)</p>	<p>No information available</p>	<p>Secure; premium version offers enhanced security features</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Weebly</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Publish class notes, host student portfolios and/or blogs, interact with students and parents</i></p> <p>www.weebly.com</p>	<p>Free upgrade to Educator account needed for student accounts.</p> <p>PRO Educator version costs ~\$30 comes with 70 student accounts; additional accounts are sold in increments of 10 accounts for \$10.</p>	<p>Limited number of student accounts; old accounts re-used by new students, so student work is NOT archived.</p> <p>Might consider having students create their own non-education site Weeblys if you want them to keep their Weeblys.</p>	<p>Secure</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wikispaces</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Publish class notes, host student portfolios and/or blogs, interact with students and parents</i></p> <p>http://www.wikispaces.com/content/classroom/about</p>	<p>Free!</p> <p>Premium version available for campuses</p>	<p>Unlimited wikis with unlimited storage means students can keep their wikis.</p>	<p>Secure</p>