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25+ Tech Tools for Teachers

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The ♥ indicates the tools that will be discussed during the presentation. The others are great tools that we want you to know about as well, we just don't have time to talk about all of them!

I. ORGANIZATIONAL TOOLS

<p>♥ Symbaloo www.edu.symbaloo.com</p>	<p>Symbaloo allows you to create a webmix with visual bookmarks. You can customize the colors and icons of each bookmark's tile as well. In addition, you have access to many published webmixes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE or pay for Premium (\$35/year), which allows you to share more than one webmix at a time, custom URL and branding - Web or App (iOS, Android, Windows)
<p>Sqworl www.sqworl</p>	<p>Store your favorite and most frequently used sites in one easy place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE - Web or App
<p>♥ LiveBinders www.livebinder.com/</p>	<p>A 3-ring binder for the web. Collect your resources and organize them neatly and easily.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE - Web or App (iOS, Android)
<p>♥ Classroom Organizer www.booksource.com</p>	<p>Scan your books and check them out to students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE - Web or App (iOS, Android)
<p>♥ Wunderlist www.wunderlist.com</p>	<p>Manage and share to-do lists with collaborators, assign due dates, email reminders to the app.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE - Web or App (iOS, Mac, Android, Windows, Kindle Fire)
<p>♥ Boximize</p>	<p>A structured note taking app that brings you the power of personal databases and the simplicity and usability of note taking apps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - iOS App, \$4.99
<p>Evernote www.evernote.com</p>	<p>Make notes that show up on all your computers and/or phones. Share lists and "notebooks" with collaborators.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE - Web or App (iOS, Mac, Android, Windows)
<p>♥ Google Groups groups.google.com</p>	<p>Use as an online bulletin board/forum for class or use as an easy way to mail information to your entire class at once.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE - Web
<p>♥ Remind (previously Remind 101) www.remind101.com</p>	<p>Send text and/or email messages with class info without collecting student numbers or giving out your own.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE - Web or App (iOS, Android)
<p>♥ Google Voice www.google.com/voice</p>	<p>Sign up for a local number that will ring to your cell phone and receive text messages. Share with parents and/or students. Offers (mediocre to worthless) transcripts of voicemails.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE - Web or App (iOS)

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<p>♥ Copy https://copy.com?r=RsHcyX</p>	<p>15 GB of online storage (more available by inviting users)</p> <p>SUBSCRIPTION—can split the cost for shared “companies”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE - Web or App (iOS, Android, Mac, Windows)
<p>Dropbox www.dropbox.com</p>	<p>2 GB of online storage (only drawback is lack of storage; more storage available by adding Dropbox to devices, inviting users)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE (SUBSCRIPTION may or may not be worth it to pay; depends on storage needs/preferences) - Web or App (iOS, Android, Mac, Windows)
II. PLANNING TOOLS	
<p>Pick Me!</p>	<p>Easily and randomly assign students to groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - App (iOS)
<p>Documents to Go www.dataviz.com/DTG_home.html?redirect=documentstogo</p>	<p>Word, Excel, PowerPoint and PDF files on your smartphone or tablet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$9.99 for basic, \$16.99 for premium) - App (iOS, Android, Blackberry) and desktop app (Windows, Mac)
<p>Puffin www.puffinbrowser.com/index.php</p>	<p>Fast browser that runs a flash emulator on iOS devices (which do NOT have the option to run flash). Saves files faster (cloud to cloud), so it uses less data.</p> <p>Note: This allows you to access the online textbooks from EMC on your iDevice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE trial (2 weeks) - Premium for \$3.99 <p>Note: Must be 17 or older to download</p>
<p>♥ Cute PDF Editor www.cutepdf-editor.com</p>	<p>Edit your PDF files easily and quickly. Merge documents, delete pages, and more. Verified and Secured!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE - Web only (Flash must be enabled)
III. Classroom Management Tools	
<p>♥ Teacher Kit www.teacherkit.net</p>	<p>Record student attendance, behavior, grades, etc. quickly. Create seating charts with photos. Take attendance by photo. Import and export data. Backup to Dropbox.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE (reports available for \$5.99) - App (iOS, all Windows 8 devices)
<p>♥ Groovy Grader</p>	<p>Designed to replace your “old school” paper grading calculator. Can be configured to work for 100's of questions. Display grades as a whole number or with one decimal place. Choose to show the number correct, the number wrong or both. View 50 or more grades on screen at once. Allows you to turn off the auto-dimming screen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE - App (iOS 7)
<p>eGrader www.egrader.net</p>	<p>Again, designed to replace your “old school” paper grading calculator. Move the slider on the left side of the screen to select the total number of problems. A list of the number wrong and their respective grades will appear on the clipboard below. Scroll down the list to find the grades you need.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE (paid version that includes online grade book for \$10/year) - App (iOS 7), Desktop (Windows only), and Web (paid)

Easy Grade	<p>Again, designed to replace your “old school” paper grading calculator. Adjust by the number questions on the assignment, calculate based on number of problems right or number of problems wrong, and increase or decrease text size.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE (In-App purchase allows you to use half points) - App (iOS 7)
IV. INSTRUCTIONAL TOOLS	
♥ Poll Everywhere www.polleverywhere.com	<p>Poll students and show the real-time results. Students vote via phones, Twitter, or website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE (for 40 responses per poll, K-12 plan; PREMIUM is \$50 per year) - Web
♥ Jing www.techsmith.com/jing.html	<p>Capture video, animation, and still images and share them on the web, as well as create tutorial screencasts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Download (Windows, Mac)
♥ Socrative www.socrative.com	<p>Student response system that can be used for exercises, games, and tests. Students use phones, tablets, or computers to respond. Three-minute step-up time and twenty-second load time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE - App (iOS, Android, Windows), Web
♥ My Homework App/iTeacher https://myhomeworkapp.com https://teachers.io	<p>These two products work together. MyHomeworkApp is the student portion, while iTeacher is the teacher portion. The student portion is a student planner that makes tracking homework (from teachers using iTeacher) easy. The teacher portion allows teachers to add files, class information, homework assignments, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE - App (iOS, Android, Windows, Kindle) and Web
Edmodo www.edmodo.com	<p>A learning community in which teachers, students, and parents can connect safely and securely online. Teachers can post assignments, create tests, post announcements, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE - Web and App (iOS, Android)
♥ Schoology www.schoology.com	<p>An online learning, classroom management, and social networking platform that improves learning through better communication, collaboration, and increased access to curriculum and supplemental content.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE (By upgrading to the Enterprise level version of Schoology, school and district administrators gain access to customizable system settings, permission controls, and branding features.) - App (iOS, Android, Kindle) and Web
♥ Quizlet quizlet.com	<p>Create flashcards; site creates variety of study/assessment activities; track student progress)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE (limited features but probably sufficient; no real need for subscription) - SUBSCRIPTION (\$15/year; no ads; can upload own images; unlimited groups) - Web and App (iOS, Android)
Online Stopwatch www.online-stopwatch.com	<p>A simple, fast flash online stopwatch and online countdown timer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE - Web
♥ BackChannel Chat www.backchannelchat.com	<p>BackChannel Chat provides safe secure real time discussion tools that have been designed for educational use. Teachers have full control over the discussion -- they can remove messages, lock the room and prevent students from contributing and review chat transcripts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE for up to 30 concurrent students (\$15/year for unlimited concurrent students) - Web and App (iOS and connects to Google Apps and Schoology)

<p>Metta www.metta.io</p>	<p>Create interactive video lessons by embedding quiz questions, polls, pictures, text, voiceovers, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE for 1 group and 10 MB of storage space, \$60/year 2-5 Groups, 1 GB storage space - Web and App (iOS) - Connects to Google Apps (It's called Metta Story here).
<p>♥ Video Notes www.videonot.es/</p>	<p>Type notes that are automatically synchronized with the video that your students will view. Later, just click on a line for the video to jump to the relevant part.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE - Web - Connects to Google Apps
<p>PowToon www.powtoon.com/edu-home/</p>	<p>PowToon is an online presentation software tool that allows you to create free, cool, and awesome animated video explainers as an alternative to PowerPoint.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE (You can upgrade for the complete animations and art library, ability to download your PowToons, take off all watermarks, etc. for \$2/month for teachers or \$1/month for students) - Web
<p>FaceTalker</p>	<p>The FaceTalker app allows the student to place a mouth on any object and make it talk in the student's voice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE - App (iOS)
<p>Educreations www.educreations.com/</p>	<p>Educreations is a recordable interactive whiteboard that captures your voice and handwriting to produce amazing video lessons that you can share online. Students and colleagues can replay your lessons in any web browser, or on their iPads.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE - Web or App (iOS)
<p>Piazza www.piazza.com/</p>	<p>Piazza is an online platform where students and instructors come together to learn and teach. It offers a refined Q&A environment along with key features for effective course collaboration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE - Web or App (iOS, Android)
V. CONVERSION TOOLS	
<p>Zamzar www.zamzar.com</p>	<p>Convert files from pub to pdf or obscure file format to usable ones. NOTE: link to converted file sent via email; only available for 24 hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE (for files up to 100 MB in size) or Premium (for larger files and longer availability of files) - Web
<p>♥ Savefrom.net en.savefrom.net</p>	<p>Convert files from YouTube, Facebook, Vimeo, and more than 40 other just in one click.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE - Web
OTHER NOTEWORTHY TOOLS	
<p>♥ Apps Gone Free</p>	<p>Get high quality paid apps for free every day. Unlike other apps, they offer no paid listings - these are expert-picked top-ranked apps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE - App (iOS, Android)