

Creating and Using Google Sites to Inform and Advocate for English Language Learners

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Overview

- Why create a website for ELLs?
- Review our websites and their purposes
- Directions on Creating a Google Site
- Time to create/explore Google Sites
- Questions and Answers...Please stop us at any time with questions as well to help you along the way!

Why Create a Website?

Let's Discuss!

How do you communicate with content area teachers in your schools?

How do you communicate with your families?

Ways to Advocate

In School:

- Communicating language levels
- Grading policies
- ensuring modifications are being used
- teacher-to-teacher progress report

In the Community:

- Partnering with local libraries, YMCA, teen centers, medical clinics, mayor and town hall

Ways to Advocate

For Family Involvement:

- Parent Advisory Committee
- International Club
- Bilingual informational sessions / workshops for parents
- Making district information accessible to all families
([survey](#))
- Welcome packets (paper or digital - Padlet)

Websites to inform and advocate

These websites are to inform and advocate with teachers, administrators, and our ESL community members to ensure everyone has the resources they need to help our ESL and Bilingual students!

[Supporting English Learners in Content Area Classes](#)

[Secaucus ESL Community Page](#)

What can you do with the new Sites?

Create a beautiful internal or public site to reach out to your students, community, parents, teachers, and administrators. With the new Google Sites, building websites is easy. Just drag content where you need it.

When you create a new site, it's automatically added to Drive, like your other files stored in Drive. You can edit a Google Site together with someone else in real time, and see each other's changes live. Publish the site for everyone to see, or restrict sharing permissions and make the site accessible only to people you want to share it with.

What would you use your site for?

Start thinking before you create your own site!

This is so easy you can create a site for anything you may need!

What do you need?

You must have a Google Suite Account.

If you have a gmail account then you are ready to start...if not, you need to create a Google

Account first

If you do not have a Gmail account, please make one or raise your hand and one of us will come around to help you get started!

Google Chrome Please!!!!

If possible use Google Chrome to access the internet...everything just works better when in Chrome in our experience!





Let's get
Creating a Site!!



Forget how to do something? Need more help?

Check out the following site to review each part of the process with detailed instruction!

[Google Step by Step Creating a Site](#)

Another Resource

Padlet.com

- Access to different PDF documents - either district wide or connected to your personal webpage
- Possible uses:
 - Digital welcome packet for families!
 - simplify registration process
 - important class/school information for students

Another Resource

Google Forms

- Using Google Forms to monitor and receive feedback for recently exited or current ESL students.
- Using Google Forms to get information from students or families.

QUESTION AND ANSWERS...



TECHNOLOGY WILL NEVER REPLACE
GREAT **TEACHERS**, BUT TECHNOLOGY
IN THE HANDS OF GREAT **TEACHERS**
IS TRANSFORMATIONAL



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