



## Oodles of Google: The Info Superhighway

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### Overview:

Google's Philosophy & Education Outreach  
Strategies to stay current  
Google Tools  
Strategies for implementation

### Google's Mission:

"Organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful."

<b>Google Philosophy</b>	<b>Applied to Learning</b>
Focus on the user and all else will follow. It's best to do one thing really, really well. The need for information crosses all borders. Democracy on the web works. You don't need to be at your desk to need an answer.	Focus on the student and all else will follow. Teach a few things really, really well. The need for information crosses all borders. Democracy in the classroom works. You don't need to be at school to need an answer.
-Courtesy of Mark Wagner, CUE	

### Questions to explore:

1. How can I use Google tools for personal and professional productivity?
2. How can I use Google tools in education?
3. How can Google tools impact the way I work?

### Google Aps for Education

<http://google.com/a/help/intl/en/edu/index.html>

Includes: gmail, google talk, calendar, start page, sites, video

- Customizable design
- Features can be deactivated

### Google for Educators Site

<http://google.com/educators>

### Google for Educators Discussion Group

<http://www.google.com/educators/community.html>

## **The Infinite Thinking Machine - Informative Blog**

<http://www.infinitethinking.org>

## **Google Teacher Community**

<http://google.com/educators/community.html>

**Recent projects, news & classroom activities:** <http://google.com/educators/activities.html>

**Lesson Plans:** [http://www.google.com/a/help/intl/en/edu/lesson\\_plans.html](http://www.google.com/a/help/intl/en/edu/lesson_plans.html)

**Web Search Lesson Plans & Resources:** [http://www.google.com/educators/p\\_websearch.html](http://www.google.com/educators/p_websearch.html)

**Classroom posters:** <http://google.com/educators/posters.html>

## **Google Tools/Resources**

iGoogle Account

Google Search

Google Gadgets

Google Reader

Google News

Google Books

## **Visualization**

Google Earth & Lit Trips

Visit the tops of the mountains & depths of the sea in Google Earth 5 - Get PRO for free as an educator!

Google Maps

## **Creation & Collaboration**

Google Docs: word processing

Google Forms: data collection

Google Sketch Up: 3D modeling

Picasa: photo editing & sharing

Google Sites: web development

Blogger: online journaling

## **First Steps**

Create an iGoogle account

Incorporate one tool into an existing lesson or project

Advocate and educate district administrators about the power of Google Aps for Education

## **Additional Resources**

Google Apps for Education in Real Time: <https://sites.google.com/a/watershedschool.org/apps/>

Google Docs: <http://googledocs.blogspot.com/2009/05/spotlight-on-developers-educational.html>

Google Docs in the Classroom: [http://docs.google.com/Present?docid=dhn2vcv5\\_8323t58h3ft](http://docs.google.com/Present?docid=dhn2vcv5_8323t58h3ft)

Google Docs Templates for Teachers: <http://docs.google.com/templates?category=7&sort=hottest&pli=1>

Google Docs Draw Tools: <http://googledocs.blogspot.com/2009/03/drawing-on-your-creativity-in-docs.html>

Google Forms: <http://tbarrett.edublogs.org/category/google-docs/>

Get Google Pro for FREE: <http://www.ncs-tech.org/?p=783>

Google Maps City Tours: <http://citytours.googlelabs.com/>

Google Search Basics: [http://www.google.com/educators/p\\_searchbasics.html](http://www.google.com/educators/p_searchbasics.html)

Google Search Extras: <http://www.google.com/intl/en/help/features.html>

Google Search Options: <http://www.google.com/support/websearch/bin/answer.py?answer=156089>

Google Custom Search: <http://www.google.com/coop/cse/>