



Cloud Computing

So what is it? Cloud computing is Internet-based computing, where applications and data are stored off-site and accessed as needed. Clouds can be public or private, based on your needs. Your information stored on the cloud can be accessed any time

from anywhere. Services can be customized to meet the needs and budget of your school. As with any new technology you will need to do the research to see if cloud computing can help your school. According to **Scholastic Administrator** late fall 2010

edition, many school districts have changed to cloud computing and have saved a lot of money on IT expenses and hardware. Its added convenience has increased confidence and learning for both teachers and students.

Cloud Computing Directory

Below is a list of cloud computing sites recommended by **Scholastic Administrator**. Some are public, some private, some are free and some are subscription based. You are bound to find what you are looking for!

1. **Google** - Google Apps
<http://www.google.com/a/help/intl/en/edu/>
2. **Dell** - <http://content.dell.com/us/en/business/cloud-computing-component-servers.aspx?c>

=us&cs=4402C&l=en&s=bsd&edirect=1

3. **Stoneware** - <http://www.stone-ware.com/cloud/>
4. **Scholastic** - <http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=3755252>
5. **netTrekker** - <http://www.nettrekker.com/us>
6. **IBM** - http://www.ibm.com/smarterplanet/us/en/cloud_computing/ideas/index.html?re=spf

7. **EMC** - <http://www.emc.com/microsites/journey-private-cloud/index.htm?pid=Home-privatecloud-051010>

8. **Oracle** - <http://www.oracle.com/us/technologies/cloud/index.htm>

9. **Novell** - <http://www.novell.com/cloud/>

Web Resources

Diigo

<http://www.diigo.com>

Bookmark site that you can research, annotate, archive and organize your sites.

Wallwisher

<http://www.wallwisher.com/>

A "virtual corkboard" for pictures and comments

Storybird

<http://storybird.com>

A site to create, share, print your art inspired stories.

Story Line

<http://www.storylineonline.net/>

Site sponsored by the Screen Actors Guild. Have members read popular stories to your students!



Issuu w/ Power Point

<http://issuu.com>

Lets teachers upload a Power Point, or Document that they've created, and then it publishes it to the Web in "book" format.

Thank you Sandy Gonsowski from Our Lady of the Lake for this awesome site - check it out!

<http://www.edutecher.net/>

Thank you to Susan Walton from Academy of St. Adelbert for this fun site!

<http://www.kerpoof.com/>



Urban Schools Check Out These Sites!



Resources especially for urban schools:

Urban Education

<http://uex.sagepub.com/>

This publication offers focused analyses and commentary of critical concerns facing inner-city schools in Urban Education (UEX). Articles cover topics such as mental health needs of urban students, student motivation

and teacher practice, school-to-work programs and community economic development, restructuring in large urban schools and health and social services.

National Urban Alliance - Weblinks

Urban Education Resources
http://www.nuatc.org/resources/weblinks/urban_ed/urban_education.html

Funding Opportunities

USA Government Site for Nonprofits

The official site from the USA Government for resource and services from the government
<http://www.usa.gov/Business/Nonprofit.shtml>

<http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>

The NEA Foundation

Student Achievement Grants
Learning & Leadership Grants
<http://www.neafoundation.org/>

America Honda Foundation

Grants for youth and Science Education
First deadline is Feb 1, 2011 -

Toshiba Large Grants

Grades 6-12, more than \$5,000
<http://www.toshiba.com/taf/>
Deadline Feb. 1, 2011



Lowe's Toolbox for Education
www.toolboxforeducation.com

Toshiba and the National Science Teachers Association's ExploraVision competition
www.exploravision.org

Professional Development

Check out the Office of Catholic Education Offerings

<http://www.oce-ocs.org/oce/register>

- Education Technology Offerings
- Excel 2 week class
- Podcasting
- Preschool Offerings
- Secondary
- LPDC/Entry Year

Other PD Opportunities: Facing History and Ourselves Online Professional Development

<http://www2.facinghistory.org/campus/events.nsf/professionaldevelopmentonlinelearning?ReadForm>

WVIZ Ideastream

<http://www.wviz.org/education/index>

G & G, Inc

<http://www.ggedtech.com>



Resources

OCE Ed Tech Page

http://www.oce-ocs.org/oce/teachers/teacher_resources.shtml

Classroom 2.0

<http://www.classroom20.com/>

Microsoft - Partners in Learning Network

<http://us.partnersinlearningnetwork.com/Pages/default.aspx>

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