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**Session Time
12:30 - 1:20**

FREE Tools For Schools

Google has great tools and resources for everyone - administrators, teachers, and students, which are online and "free," saving schools the cost of buying/updating software. The tools, presented by a "**Google Certified Teacher**," can be used for **WEB 2.0** teaching, collaborating, in real time, with classmates, colleagues, or other schools, creating repositories for sharing content, and customizing searches for precise results. Engage students in peer-to-peer learning as they share project assets, write, and edit online. Discover PLE's. Learn how teachers use Google's rich content to create dynamic, engaging lessons. See ways administrators use the tools for administrative tasks, evaluations, surveys, school policies, and communicating with parents and staff. Google has something for everyone. The tools can be use to enhance both your professional and private life and can be accessed from any computer, anytime, anywhere.

- •**iGoogle**: a personalized Google start page with gadgets, tabs, themes
- •**Google Gadgets**: great little tools to design personal learning environments
- •**News**: access news from 25,000 sources, search the vast archives, use timelines, customize your News page, get local news, and much more
- •**Docs**: online word processor; collaborate & edit in "real time," save documents for others to view; download documents to hard drive and upload later; add links, insert images. Invite collaborators to edit and view; share with a select group or publish for the entire World to see; use for home/school connections. Create peer-to-peer learning groups.
- •**Presentation**: create and publish presentations online; view in browsers; upload previously made Power Point presentations; collaborate online
- •**Maps**: create dynamic, interactive maps which can include images, video, and text; use for lessons and student projects
- •**Forms**: create online surveys, quizzes, questions, and see results instantly; users fill out Forms in browsers; Google creates spreadsheets and summary results for you
- •**Special Features**: dynamic, interactive features that make finding information, doing research, and accessing topics on the WEB much easier and organized. Powerful research tools.
- •**Google Earth**: "fly" any place on Earth; explore countries and famous landmarks; zoom down to street level; create virtual tours; discover featured content from NASA, National Geographic, Discovery, and more.

Special Feature
Google Apps for Education

A FREE service for schools; provides a safe, collaborative environment for students "within" the district's domain. Districts determine which features to offer. Features are customizable with administrative controls. Email, with filters, can be offered. No software to install.

Google Tools For Teaching And Learning

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