

LEARN NC

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CONNECT

Connectivity. It's more than just cables and wire. Sure, you can get on the internet, but where will you go? And what will you do when you get there? LEARN NC builds connections between more than just bits and bytes. We connect teachers, students, universities, museums, ideas, strategies, successes — the hub of a vast network of teaching and learning excellence.

START YOUR SEARCH FOR EDUCATION RESOURCES HERE

Blueprints for classroom instruction and in-depth discussions of educational practice. Quick references, primary sources, interactive tools, and online courses. Text, images, audio, video, and multimedia. LEARN NC brings you the best of North Carolina and the best of the web, all in an intuitive, easy-to-use format that helps you find what you need to help your students succeed.

TEACH SMARTER

LEARN NC is more than just a great set of resources. We add value to those resources by aligning them to the curriculum, developing contexts for teaching and learning, writing educators' and learners' guides, integrating them into packages. Built by teachers, for teachers, we know what you need to make the web work in your classroom, and we give it to you all in one place. So you can make your teaching smarter — not harder.



BETWEEN TEACHERS AND COLLEAGUES

Every teacher has good ideas, successes, proven practices. But teachers often don't have enough opportunities to learn from one another. LEARN NC finds some of the best and most innovative teachers in North Carolina and gives them a way to share ideas with their colleagues through lesson plans, articles, online courses, and social networking.



BETWEEN TEACHERS AND CONTENT PROVIDERS

Universities, museums, non-profits, and government are full of people who have knowledge and resources they'd love to share with teachers and students. LEARN NC partners with them to turn what they have into what teachers need, making the links between content and curriculum and welcoming learners into a vast intellectual community.



BETWEEN IDEAS FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING

There are billions of pages on the world wide web. Even if a hundredth of one percent are educational, that's still a lot more than you can sort through and make sense of during your planning period! LEARN NC helps you find what you need right now, today — and then connects you to more ideas you can use to improve your teaching tomorrow.



BETWEEN YOUR CLASSROOM AND THE WORLD

It really is the *world* wide web. Want to take your students on a virtual field trip to Southeast Asia — or the Outer Banks? Done. Need a video clip of an endangered species to show your class? We've got it. Want help figuring out what to *do* with all that great stuff? We're here for you. With LEARN NC as your guide, the world really is your classroom.

One website.
Millions of connections.

Plug in to the North Carolina teachers' network. Join them today at www.learnnc.org.

What's new, what's coming up

Happening now.

A DIGITAL TEXTBOOK



With the help of teachers, university faculty, libraries, and museums statewide, LEARN NC has developed a “digital textbook” for 8th-grade North Carolina history that will start with primary sources and integrate multimedia, student readings from a variety of sources, and inquiry-based activities.

CRITICAL LANGUAGES



Working with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and the North Carolina Virtual Public School, LEARN NC is publishing digital textbooks in three “critical languages”: Mandarin Chinese, Arabic, and Japanese. These books are available on LEARN NC’s website — free of charge, to anyone anywhere in the world, under a Creative Commons license.

Open for enrollment.

ONLINE CEU COURSES



Earn your CEUs at one o’clock in the morning, from a coffee shop in Trujillo, Peru, or from your classroom during your planning period! LEARN NC’s professional development courses support you whenever and wherever you need new skills and knowledge. Our online courses offer educators the opportunity to learn at their own pace, when they have the most energy, and through forums that kindle reflection and collaboration.



LEARN NC is currently offering more than a dozen new courses that focus on two critical areas of need in North Carolina — improving teaching in core areas and closing the achievement gap for minority students. Topics include United States history, social justice, and global issues, as well as subjects where student achievement has been a particular challenge, such as inquiry-based science and mathematics. Courses are currently offered on a cost-recovery basis. See our website for details and scheduling.

COLT: CAROLINA ONLINE TEACHER



Interested in teaching online? Now you can earn your Certificate in Online Instruction through the Carolina On-Line Teacher program (COLT). You’ll gain the knowledge to create a dynamic learning community, one where learners separated by a few feet or many miles can collaborate and share ideas. And with the possibilities for using web-based content and multimedia, online courses can be exciting and inspiring for teachers and students alike.

Already available.

LESSON PLANS WITH A PUNCH



Two new series of lesson plans explore North Carolina history through photographs, oral history recordings, and other primary source materials, with step-by-step instructions for teachers new to hands-on history. Coming soon: in-depth science plans with integrated content for students.

PHOTOS AND MAPS



Since our multimedia library went live in June 2006, we’ve published more than 3,000 items. Look for photographs and audio recordings from around the world; images and sounds of our state’s natural environment; and maps of North Carolina, past and present. Check the sidebar for related instructional materials.

TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION



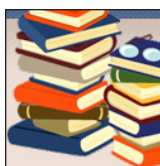
The selective, thoughtful use of technology can deepen students’ understanding and increase their engagement, while the use of technology for technology’s sake can distract students from your instructional objectives. LEARN NC offers articles, online courses, and lesson plans to help you make the best possible use of the technological tools and applications.

NEWS, INFORMATION, UPDATES



LEARN NC’s News, Information, and Updates blog keeps you current on newly published resources, CEU courses open for enrollment, conference presentations, events, good things we’ve found on the Web, and other opportunities for teachers. Check the latest postings on our home page, or subscribe to the RSS feed.

INSTRUCTIFY



Instructify, is where teachers can stock their toolboxes with practical, time-saving classroom ideas and cutting edge methods of instruction. It’s also a fun place to spend your planning period. In other words: Teach smarter, not harder. Look for it at www.instructify.com.

BOOKS



Yes, really: books! Some of our longer web editions are being turned into softcover bound editions, available at cost from Lulu.com. Look for *The First Year*, our collection of essays for new teachers, at <http://www.lulu.com/content/848402>. And never fear — our web content is *always* free. You just have to pay for the paper and ink.

