

Discovery Education

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- Creating a New Account
 - www.discoveryeducation.com
 - click on “Passcode/New User” below the top navigation bar
 - enter the appropriate code for your building:
 - Davis: D2C0-B3AD
 - Flanders: 41AA-2CAF
 - St. Joe’s: 1D73-FCCC
 - MMS: 3D6F-1F81
 - FA: 0D6C-4D7C
 - follow the steps from that point
- Streaming Plus - This is the successor to PowerMediaPlus and other video services we’ve had in the past.
 - Using the search box at the top of the page will return results for Streaming Plus.
 - You can refine your search right away, or wait until you have your first set of results.
 - You can narrow it with criteria from: service, subject, grade, media type, video detail, and related materials.
 - To view a resource, click on its title in the results list.
 - If the result was a video segment, you will see all of the segments in the whole video. You can play them individually, or play the whole video.
 - The triangle on each segment or video will give you a set of options.
 - add to your content (think of this like bookmarking)
 - assign to a classroom or students
 - add to builder tool (add content to custom assignments for students)
 - Details:
 - This will tell you more about who made the video and when, age group it is appropriate for, standards it addresses, as well as give you complete citations.
 - Download:
 - Yup, you guessed it. Unless you want to leave a video for a sub or something like that, this isn’t something you have to do. All of the videos in Streaming Plus are actually hosted on our own servers, so you don’t need to worry about any of the buffering issues that you might run into with streaming from another source, like YouTube.
 - Materials:
 - Some resources have teacher guides that go along with them. These are always in a pdf format which may be downloaded, printed, etc.
 - More to Explore:
 - This gives you a short list of additional resources that are related to the one you are viewing that you might also be interested in.
 - Streaming Settings (in the video window)
 - You will want this set to 1000k for Windows for the best video quality. The only reason to go with the lower setting is if you are experiencing some kind of lag.

- Click on the box in the lower left of the video window to get the video to play in full-screen mode. Hit the Esc key to exit full-screen.
- My Content
 - You can use this to keep track of all of the resources you use, assignments you've created, etc.
 - Create folders to organize them however you would like.
 - You can upload your own files as well. If you have questions you've created to go with videos, for example, you could upload the file to keep it with the video.
- Classroom Manager
 - My Classes
 - Create a new class. You will need to add your students individually as there are no pre-loaded rosters.
 - All you need to enter is last name, first name, username (I use first initial, dot, last name), password (I enter a single generic one, like franklin, and let them change it later), and grade.
 - After you have entered all of your students' information, be sure to click on the button that says, "Add New Students." You will then see them show up in the roster window to the right.
 - Then click "Save."
 - Now you can look at your classes, or a list of all of your students, if you have multiple classes you've entered.
- Builder Tools
 - Assignment Builder
 - My Assignments
 - You can edit the default assignment segments they give you, delete them, and add new ones.
 - If part of the assignment is for them to watch a video or use another DE resource, make sure you attach it at the bottom of one of the segments of your assignment.
 - If you have already set up classes, you can assign it by class or students. When they log into DE they will see it in their assignment list.
 - You can also assign it using the code or URL. If you do this, they do not have to have an account already set up by you. If you're going to do it this way and your students are 13 or younger, you will want to provide them with a username in order to comply with federal privacy laws for minors.
 - Assignments will remain in your list and can be reused.
 - School or District Assignments
 - Create an assignment in one of these tabs if you would like others in MCSD to be able to use it.
 - DE Assignments
 - You can use these assignments as they are, or customize them.
 - Click Copy/Edit to add them to your assignments and modify them.
 - Quiz Builder
 - This works pretty much the same way as the Assignment Builder.
 - You can attach a video in the instructions to have them watch first (make sure you check the box making them visible to students), or you can attach segments to questions.
 - Once you've chosen a folder to save to, it will then have you create the questions.
 - Assigning a quiz works the same way as the assignments above.
 - Writing Prompt Builder
 - Again, this works like the previous two.

- Board Builder
 - This tool lets you or your students create multimedia boards (like a digital poster) on any subject. If you're familiar with Glogster, it's like that with a few different pros and cons.
- Teacher Center
 - There are a number of additional resources here that can be used by teachers and/or students, including complete lesson plans, an interactive atlas with videos, and teacher forums.
- Professional Development
 - Here you will find tutorials for everything within DE as well as additional topics like using Windows Movie Maker or Google SketchUp.

Symbaloo

- What is it?
 - Symbaloo bills itself as a "Personal Learning Environment." In some ways it's similar to iGoogle. Each page, or Webmix, is made up of individual tiles. You can create your own tiles or add ones that are premade. New tiles can
- Where is it?
 - edu.symbaloo.com
- Some examples:
 - <http://edu.symbaloo.com/mix/edu-tools3> - the "24 best" tools for teachers on the internet
 - <http://edu.symbaloo.com/mix/ffeskto2> - online activities and resources for the primary grades
 - <http://edu.symbaloo.com/mix/webmix32-collection1> - another for the primary grades
 - <http://edu.symbaloo.com/mix/commoncore> - Common Core resources
 - <http://sd735.symbaloo.com/> - example of a district's premium webmix
- Possible Uses:
 - Bookmarking Tool
 - Use this to keep track of all of the websites, YouTube videos, etc. that you use. Unlike bookmarks saved in your computer's browser, these you'll be able to access and change anywhere.
 - Curate Online Resources
 - You could use a webmix as a jumping off point for students to send them to sites and resources you want them to use.
 - Student Webmixes
 - You could have students create their own webmixes on a topic they're researching and then share them with you.
 - Department/Grade Level Resources
 - A coordinator could create a webmix with sites submitted by the group, or you could share a common account and all add to a webmix.