

## WIKIS IN THE CLASSROOM

### OVERVIEW

A wiki is a simple website which can easily be edited by whoever is given access, making it useful for collaborative projects. This workshop will introduce participants to the nature of wikis and their application in educational settings. Participants will review a variety of freely available wiki platforms on the web. They will be guided in setting up a wiki for a specific curriculum-related purpose and will share ideas for presentations to introduce the tool to their students and for evaluative rubrics.

### GOALS

This workshop will enable participants to:

- Understand the concept of a wiki and the benefits of using this tool in the school or classroom
- Become acquainted with a selection of freely available wiki software platforms
- Become familiar with the basic functions of setting up, editing and adding multimedia content to a wiki
- Learn about the various options for wiki control and privacy
- Integrate wiki technology into their own classroom practice
- Teach the concept and use of a wiki to their students
- Assess the outcome of wiki use in their classrooms

### FINAL PRODUCT

1. Each participant will create a multi-page wiki for use in the classroom, with a description of how it will be used.
2. Participants, individually or collaboratively, will create a teaching tool (e.g. a PowerPoint or Word handout to introduce wiki use, appropriate to participants' student level.)
3. Participants, individually or collaboratively, will create a rubric or other evaluation tool to assess students' use of the Wiki.

### COURSE EXPECTATIONS

This workshop is divided into an orientation session followed by six one-week content sessions which each include readings, activities, and an online discussion among workshop participants. Participants should expect to spend 4-5 hours per week in order to adequately complete the work.

The outline for the workshop is as follows:

Session One:	Wiki Exploration: their nature and educational applications
Session Two:	Wiki Mechanics: the basics of editing
Session	Creating Your First Wiki

Three:	
Session Four:	Classroom Implementation
Session Five:	Teaching Wiki Concepts to Students
Session Six:	Assessing Student Use of a Wiki

In the first session, participants will explore the nature and educational application of wikis. Sessions Two and three will give practice in contributing to, editing and creating a wiki. By Session Four, participants will be ready to devise and create wikis for use in their classrooms. In Sessions Five and Six participants will work individually or collaboratively, using the class wiki, to plan methods and materials for introducing wikis to their students and for assessing student use of wikis.

### **PREREQUISITES**

This is an introductory workshop for teachers, technology specialists, curriculum specialists, professional development specialists, or other school personnel. Participants are expected to have regular access to computers. In addition, participants should be proficient with using email, browsing the Internet, and navigating to computer files.

### **CONTENT AND TECHNOLOGY STANDARDS**

This workshop will help participants meet the 2008 [ISTE NETS for Teachers](#), especially Standards I , II and III.

In addition, this workshop will help teachers to enable their students to meet the [2007 ISTE NETS for Students](#), especially Standards II, IV AND V.

For more information about Technology Integration visit: <http://www.iste.org>

### **ABOUT THIS WORKSHOP**

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