

Student-Friendly Blogs

Epals (www.epals.com): Epals is a safe and secure environment that allows K–12 learners to communicate on projects with students from other states or countries. The projects can take many forms and often foster global awareness. Epals moderators ensure that only appropriate content is posted to the blogs and wikis.

QuadBlogging (www.quadblogging.net): QuadBlogging allows the teacher to provide students with a global audience. After signing up to participate, the class blog is matched up with three other participant class blogs. A quadblogging cycle lasts for a period of four weeks. During a teacher's focus week, the other three participant classes will visit the class blog and leave comments. That teacher's class will then visit the other three classes and leave comments during their focus weeks.

Weebly (www.weebly.com): Teachers can build a class website and post information such as classroom schedules, "terrific kid" information, student work, and links to the classroom blog. Students can use Weebly to build their own digital portfolios.

Edublogs (www.edublogs.org): Edublogs is a safe, versatile forum that allows teachers and students to create class websites, blogs, or newsletters.

Kidblog (www.kidblog.org): Teachers can create a class blog where students can post and provide comments to their peers. Each student is given a screen name and password. Additionally, it is protected so only those invited can view the contents of the site.

Edmodo (www.edmodo.com): Edmodo allows teachers to create student groups for online discussions. Teachers can post assignments or questions for students to answer. Assignments can include videos and articles links. Teachers can create polls for students to vote on topics. The site allows teachers to grade privately so only select people can view it.