Google Sites: A Creative Alternative to Electronic Portfolios and Classroom Projects

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Welcome!

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Our objectives for today

Define “Google Sites”
Explain uses for Google Sites
Set-up Google Site
What’s a Google Site?

It’s an easy-to-create, easily accessible, website application for your students and you.
How would students use Google Sites?

Google Sites are great for:
• Electronic portfolios for employers
• Networking/Professional Web Presence
• Classroom Projects
• Student Clubs
• They may already have one
• They are free!
Three reasons to have a Google Site for employers

- Organize important information
- Creativity and tech skills
- Showcase skills to employers
Show what you know

A Google Site: Your best stuff in one place

• Resume/cover letters
• Writing and project samples
• Letters of recommendation and awards
• Pictures! And video! (but no cats please)
Networking: Share your Google Site!

Create a positive online persona

• Link to your Google Site on LinkedIn
• Share on Facebook
• At conferences and networking events
• With potential employers
Google Sites are great for team or individual projects

- Students can add files
- Info from other Google apps
- Add and edit new content
- Remember: Can only create 5 sites/day
Google Sites are a great tool for student organizations
• Use as marketing tool
• Store meeting minutes
• Organize information and membership data
• Add/integrate maps to events
• Easily add forms, and get feedback
What about privacy?

Access to Google sites is easily controlled

- Access can be limited to individuals or team members
- Can be published and available to anyone
Some Examples.......
How to do things

1. Getting Started
   b. Finding your URL and Uploading it to D2L | PDF | link: http://bit.ly/1qgwkMz
   c. Changing your Site’s Design | PDF | link: http://bit.ly/1m682D7
   d. Getting back in / Accessing your Google Site | PDF | link: http://bit.ly/1uLNKRz

2. Photographs/Images
   a. Adding an Image | PDF | link: http://bit.ly/1z5uWAs

3. Uploading a File
   a. Adding a file (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, PDF) | PDF | link: http://bit.ly/1z5uWAs

4. Text/Welcome Language

5. Tops/Bottoms/Name Display

6. Privacy
   a. Changing your Privacy Settings | PDF | link: http://bit.ly/1r0RCgZ

7. Next Step
   a. Adding, Deleting, Renaming and Reordering Pages | PDF | link: http://bit.ly/1p0R6w3