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The Internet is an international computer network composed of thousands of smaller networks. Recently, through state and regional education networks and commercial providers, the vast resources of the Internet are increasingly available to administrators, school library media specialists, and classroom teachers. This Digest lists a sample of no cost Internet resources of special interest to K-12 educators. Readers should be aware that the resources and their Internet addresses below are subject to change.

GUIDES TO INTERNET RESOURCES:

---The Argus Clearinghouse: A large collection of guides to Internet resources categorized by topic.
- http://www.clearinghouse.net/

---AskERIC InfoGuides: Topical guides to Internet, ERIC, and print resources.
- http://www.askeric.org/Virtual/InfoGuides/

LESSON PLANS AND TEACHING MATERIALS:

---The AskERIC Virtual Library contains hundreds of lesson plans, including, but not limited to, language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science. Also included are lesson plans from School Library Media Activities Monthly, Newton's Apple Educators Guides, and Crossroads: K16 American History Curriculum.
---The Gateway to Educational Materials (GEM) is a "virtual card catalog" to lesson plans, activities, projects, and curriculum found all over the Internet.

---IECC-Intercultural E-mail Classroom Connections maintains a suite of listservs that facilitate international and cross-cultural classroom exchanges via e-mail over the Internet. Archives and general information can be found on the St. Olaf's WWW server.

---Armadillo's WWW Server

---The National Center for Technology Planning collects technology plans and makes them freely available over the Internet. Guidebooks and articles for developing technology plans are also included.

---Examples of telecommunication projects that incorporate the use of the Internet in the classroom can be found on the following sites:
---Global SchoolNet Foundation: Internet Projects Registry Archive Service:

http://www.gsn.org/project/index.html

---Pitsco Online Collaborative Projects:

http://www.pitsco.com/p/Respaces/collab.html

GRANT INFORMATION:

---U.S. Department of Education Grants & Contracts Information: Includes current grant application announcements.

http://gcs.ed.gov/

Select "Grants Information"

---Foundation Center: Provides a searchable database of funding activities as well as links to private or corporate foundations' Web sites.

http://fdncenter.org/

E-RATE INFORMATION:

---The Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC): This site has the most current information on E-rate. The Schools and Libraries Division administers the E-rate program. The site has examples of technology plans, as well as online versions of the relevant program forms.

http://www.sl.universalservice.org/

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION:
http://www.lib.lsu.edu/gov/fedgov.html

---The Federal Web Locator: From the Villanova Center for Information Law and Policy
http://www.law.vill.edu/fed-agency/fedwebloc.html

---FedWorld Information Network
http://www.fedworld.gov/

---Ingram Library - Government Sites for Kids
http://www.westga.edu/library/depts/govdoc/kids.html

---LinxNet U.S. Government Index
http://www.linxnet.com/gov.html

**STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS:**

---U.S. Department of Education Links and Addresses of State Education Agencies
http://www.ed.gov/Programs/bastmp/SEA.htm

---Links to State Education Agencies from the Council of Chief State School Officers
http://develop.ccsso.cybercentral.com/seamenu.htm

**STANDARDS-BASED EDUCATION:**
The Mid-Continental Regional Educational Laboratory (McREL) is recognized for its work in standards-based education. This Web site includes several full-text online resources that will assist educators in developing their own standards-based curriculum.

http://www.mcrel.org/standards/

---Developing Educational Standards

http://www.putwest.boces.org/Standards.html

REFERENCE RESOURCES:

---Internet Public Library Reference Center. An excellent collection of reference sources, also allows patrons to ask reference questions through e-mail or on the Web.

http://www.ipl.org/ref/

---The Libraries at Purdue University: The Virtual Reference Desk. An extensive collection of online ready reference resources, such as dictionaries, thesauri, phone books, and zip codes.

http://thorplus.lib.purdue.edu/reference/index.html

LIBRARY CATALOGS:

---webCATS, from the University of Saskatchewan Libraries is a directory of library catalogs which can be searched via the Web. webCATS is organized for searching geographically, by type of library, and by library catalog vendor.

http://www.lights.com/webcats/

http://lcweb.loc.gov/catalog/

OTHER RESOURCES:

Hundreds of resources covering almost every subject imaginable exist on the Internet. Here are some additional ones that would be of special interest to K-12 educators.

---ACCESS ERIC: Gateway to the Internet sites of the Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC).

http://www.accesseric.org/

---Consortium for School Networking (CoSN)

http://www.cosn.org/

---Education World: A searchable database of 50,000 education links for teachers, parents, and students. Includes lesson plans, education news, an educators' forum, and more.

http://www.education-world.com/

---NASA Spacelink: Information about NASA, including the space shuttle program and science curriculum activities.

http://spacelink.nasa.gov/.index.html

---Roadmap: An Internet Training Workshop

http://ua1vm.ua.edu/~crispen/roadmap.html

---Web 66: A K-12 WWW Project from the University of Minnesota.
http://web66.coled.umn.edu/


http://www.yahoo.com/

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