



In My Back Pocket

What are the most valuable resources for a professional in higher education?

Here are some top sites and social media contacts for advice on everything education and for your career development.

Teacher Resource Sites: Professional Development

weareteachers.com

Features a large collection of lesson plans by subject, blogs, and instructional videos.

educationworld.com

A catch-all site for both new and veteran teachers. From information on the hiring process, to a catalogue of lesson plans and new uses for technology in the classroom.

scholastic.com/bookwizard

Has a wide variety of resources, notably, a searchable index for books to use in the classroom categorized by grade and reading levels.

corestandards.org

The official site for the Common Core State Standards. Find out your state's standards for math and English literacy.

learninglab.si.edu

Lesson plans, resources, and state standards are searchable and organized by subject. Also great for virtual field trips!

prometheanplanet.com/en-us

Interact with other teachers on this massive whiteboard community—trade tips and more.

edutopia.org

Articles on the latest teaching trends as well as free, downloadable guides on everything from managing a classroom to fundraising.

donorschoose.org

A great site that connects teacher requests for materials and projects directly to donors.

aft.org

The site for the American Federation of Teachers union has classroom material, but primarily focuses on trends and news in education and professional development.

Career Development Sites

nces.ed.gov

National Center for Education Statistics.

illinoisreportcard.com

Collected data on Illinois public schools.

bit.ly/dpueducareer

For help with your education job search, visit Career Advisor Jen Fleming's advice page.

schooldigger.com

Search schools by location, rank, and more to narrow your choice or expand your possibilities.

In State and Out of State Boards of Education

isbe.net

Official site for the Illinois State Board of Education

bit.ly/1jlllZN

US Department of Education's list of state education agencies.

Main Hub District Sites

cps.edu/careers/pages/careers.aspx

The Chicago Public Schools.

incschools.org

The Illinois Network of Charter Schools.

schools.archchicago.org

Archdiocese Chicago Catholic Schools.

Suburban Districts

A full list of county district links can be found on the education page of careercenter.depaul.edu

Comprehensive Job Search sites

k12jobs.com

Teaching jobs and administrative positions at public and private institutions.

indeed.com

Search teaching positions by location, salary, and other terms.

schoolspring.com

Search education jobs by specific search terms.

depaul.joinhandshake.com

Links to job and internship postings.

Get Connected!

[@usedgov](https://twitter.com/usedgov)

US Department of Education

[@ChiPubSchools](https://twitter.com/ChiPubSchools)

Chicago Public Schools

[@edutopia](https://twitter.com/edutopia)

Constant stream of education news, advice, and links to related content.

[@pbsteachers](https://twitter.com/pbsteachers)

PBS Learning Media. Lesson plan suggestions with accompanying media.

[@NEAToday](https://twitter.com/NEAToday)

National Education Association. News and professional development education. A must for teachers who want to stay in the know.

[@WeAreTeachers](https://twitter.com/WeAreTeachers)

A great source for news, lesson plan ideas, and teaching content from all around the internet.

[@DiscoveryEd](https://twitter.com/DiscoveryEd)

Unique, creative, and scientific lesson plans with accompanying media and materials.

[@CatalystChicago](https://twitter.com/CatalystChicago)

Independent reporting on urban school reform: the watchdog for public schools in Chicago.

[@npr_ed](https://twitter.com/npr_ed)

National Public Radio Education Team. Up-to-date education news and opinion pieces.

[@ASCD](https://twitter.com/ASCD)

Scholarly, collegial view on education issues with an international spectrum.



This is by no means an exhaustive list, but it is certainly a great place to start before heading into the classroom. If you have specific questions or need further support with your career development, call the DePaul Career Center at (773) 325-7431 to make an appointment with Jen Fleming, College of Education career advisor!