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Tile Guide

<http://edu.symbaloo.com/mix/braxtontechresources>

Symbaloo is a bookmarking website that allows you to easily navigate the web and compile your favorite sites all into one visual interface – called a webmix. Braxton County Schools Technology Department has compiled a Symbaloo of resources for teachers and students. The following offers a brief description of some of the tiles and their uses.

Top Row/White Tiles



The top row houses often visited websites and resources. These include Braxton County Schools website, LiveGrades and OZ (for computer work orders). Additional tiles include:



West Virginia Assessments

<http://wv.portal.airast.org/>

This portal contains information about West Virginia General Summative Assessments where you can access resources for Students and Families, Test Administrators and Test Coordinators.



WV Info Depot

<http://www.wvinfodepot.org/>

Provided by the WV Library Commission, the WVInfoDepot provides a variety of resources for information and research, including: EBSCOHost, Scholastic Go!, Explora Magazines and Newspapers, Job and Career Accelerator 5.0, e-WV West Virginia Encyclopedia, Consumer Health Complete, NoveList Plus, Points of View, Learning Express Library and more!



RubiStar – Rubric Maker

<http://rubistar.4teachers.org/index.php>

RubiStar is a free tool to help teachers create quality rubrics.



SMART Exchange

<http://exchange.smarttech.com/>

SMART Exchange offers a variety of lessons, images and more for use with your SMART Board.



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WVDE Office 365 Tutorials

<http://wvde.state.wv.us/technology/office365/>

On this site, Mark Moore offers several Office 365 tutorials and tips about maximizing the use of your Office 365 account.



Renaissance Learning

<https://hosted254.renlearn.com/34819/>

Renaissance Learning houses STAR benchmark exams, resources and AR. Monitoring student progress is easier than you've ever imagined thanks to the combination of precise growth data with West Virginia-specific, scientifically proven learning progressions.



West Virginia TREE

<https://webtop.k12.wv.us/0/apps/tree/>

The WV TREE is a one stop, grade specific site highlighting WV College- and Career-Readiness Standards and resources that are essential to the classroom teacher. The resources include grade specific lessons, professional learning, and guidance documents crafted to help enhance teaching practice and guide to classroom teacher in the art of teaching.



College Foundation of West Virginia

<https://secure.cfwv.com/>

This site is a one stop shop for High School, College, Career and Financial Aide Planning.



Pathways to the Future

<http://www.pathwayswv.org/>

This site is a collection of resources, tools and people to help students, including those with disabilities, through the journey from youth to adulthood.



Merriam-Webster Dictionary and Thesaurus

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/>

This is the dictionary available to students during testing.



Common Sense Media

<https://www.common Sense Media.org/>

Common Sense is the leading independent nonprofit organization dedicated to helping kids thrive in a world of media and technology. They empower parents,



teachers, and policymakers by providing unbiased information, trusted advice, and innovative tools to help them harness the power of media and technology as a positive force in all kids' lives. This site includes lesson plans, app, movie and game reviews.



ReadWriteThink

<http://www.readwritethink.org/>

ReadWriteThink's mission is to provide educators, parents and afterschool professional with access to the highest quality practices in reading and language arts instruction by offering the very best in free materials.



Schoolology

<https://www.schoolology.com/>

Schoolology is a Learning Management System that allows teachers to create and manage academic courses for their students. It provides teachers with a method a managing lessons, engaging students, sharing content, and connecting with other educators.



BlendSpace

<https://www.tes.com/lessons>

BlendSpace is a free web tool for teachers to collect resources in one place to form a bundled, interactive lesson for students or colleagues. It can be used to store favorite web tools, presentations, or one's personal work.

Digital Product Makers/Green Tiles



Animoto

<https://animoto.com/>

Animoto offers a powerful video tool with templates students can use. Free educator accounts are available.



emaze

<https://www.emaze.com/>

Create, share and explore amazing online presentations.



Glogster

<http://edu.glogster.com/>

Glogster is a multimedia poster program. There is a 7-day free trial.





Storybird

<http://storybird.com/>

Free for any educational setting, students can use professional artwork to jumpstart creativity in the writing process. Aligns with common core. No email required.



Aurasma

<https://www.aurasma.com/>

Aurasma is an Augmented Reality site which allows you to see and interact with the world in a new way. With Aurasma, every image, object and even place can have its own aura. Auras can be as simple as a video and a link to a web page or as complex as a lifelike 3D animation.



Prezi

<https://prezi.com/>

Prezi is a visual storytelling software alternative to traditional slide-based presentation formats. Prezi presentations feature a map-like schematic overview that lets users pan between topics at will, zoom in on desired details and pull back to reveal context.



easelly

<https://www.easel.ly/>

Easel.ly is a simple web tool that empowers anyone to create and share powerful visuals (infographics, posters).



ThingLink

<https://www.thinglink.com/edu#>

ThingLink is the leading platform for creating interactive images and videos for web, social, advertising and educational channels. Make your images come alive with video, text, images, shops, music and more! Every image contains a story and ThingLink helps you tell your stories.





Comic Makers

<http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/>

<http://www.toondoo.com/>

<https://www.powtoon.com/>

Make Beliefs Comix allows you to create your own comic strips. It is fast and easy.

Toondoo claims to be the “world’s fastest way to create cartoons!” Quick and easy, Toondoo allows you to create comic strips and book with a few click and drag & drops.

PowToon is a hybrid between slide-like, animated and comic presentations. It offers a free EDU account and has lots of features.



Word Clouds

<http://www.tagxedo.com/>

<http://www.wordle.net/>

Turn words from famous speeches, news articles, slogs and themes into a visually stunning word cloud.



Visual Organizers

<http://www.popplet.com/>

<https://coggle.it/>

<https://www.draw.io/>

<https://padlet.com/>

<https://bubbl.us/>

These websites provide useful tools for brainstorming and concept mapping.



Recording and Avatars

<http://blabberize.com/> - Allows you to make a picture talk with your voice.

<http://www.voki.com/> - Create talking avatars.

<http://vocaroo.com/> - Simple voice recording website.





TIS Smackdown

This is a Google spreadsheet where Technology Integration Specialists throughout the state add new web resources that they have found. The spreadsheet contains the name of the site or app, a link and a brief description.

Educational Resources



NewsELA

<https://newsela.com/>

TweenTribune

<http://www.tweentribune.com/>

NewsELA and Tween Tribune are great sources for non-fiction informational text and news. The articles can be scaled at five different Lexile reading comprehension levels. The sites include quiz questions and writing prompts.



BrainPop

<https://www.brainpop.com/>

With over 1000 short animated movies, BrainPop is a great resource for students in grades K-12. Along with the movies, BrainPop offers quizzes and related materials, covering the subjects science, social studies, English, mathematics, engineering and technology, health, and arts and music. BrainPop offers both free and paid content. Some schools have purchased a yearly subscription.



Khan Academy

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

Khan Academy bills themselves as a personalized learning resource for all ages. They offer practice exercises, instructional videos and a personalized learning dashboard that empowers learners to study at their own pace in and outside of the classroom. They cover subjects including math, science, computer programming, history, art history, grammar, economics and more!



NoRedInk

<https://www.noredink.com/>

NoRedInk is an online tool used for teaching grammar, usage, mechanics and style to students in 4th through 12th grade. Through NoRedInk, teachers are able to assign a variety of diagnostic and instructional materials to their students. This site contains both free content and content that requires a subscription. The high and middle schools currently have a subscription.





MobyMax

<http://www.mobymax.com/>

MobyMax is an online resource that offers a free math, language and reading curriculum for K-8 teachers. All lessons are aligned with the Common Core Standards and teachers can implement the service with very little work on their end. You can build lessons and whiteboard activities. They also have a Pro version available.



IXL Math and English

<https://www.ixl.com/>

IXL is a subscription-based service that offers an immersive K-12 learning experience that provides comprehensive, standards-aligned content for math, language arts, science, and social studies.

School Tiles



Currently, the school tiles lead to the school's website. Should a school wish to build a personalized Symbaloo in the future, we can change those tiles to lead to the school's webmix.

Content Specific/Yellow Tiles



The yellow tiles lead to content specific Symbaloos. The resources in these webmixes include calculators, virtual labs, personal finance lessons, keyboarding games, etc. They are currently in development and suggestions are always welcome.



Interactive Review/Assessment/Orange Tile



Socrative

<http://socrative.com/>

Socrative is a cloud-based student response system. It allows teachers to create simple quizzes that students can take quickly on laptops – or, more often, via classroom tablet computers or their own smartphones.



Kahoot!

<https://getkahoot.com/>

With Kahoot!, you can create a collection of questions on specific topics. Created by teachers, students, business people and social users, players are asked questions in real-time creating a social, fun and game-like learning environment. Kahoot also allows for surveys and discussions. Students love it!



Quizlet

<https://quizlet.com/>

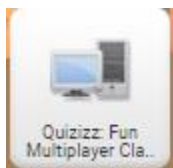
Quizlet is an online learning tool used to create games and flashcards. Additionally, it has a student collaboration component. It is great for vocabulary review.



Plickers

<https://www.plickers.com/>

Plickers is a powerfully simple tool that lets teachers collect real-time formative assessment data without the need for student devices. Students hold up a graphic code to answer questions. Teachers scan the room with their smart device (i.e. phone) and the question is graded!



Quizzizz

<https://quizzizz.com/>

Much like Kahoot!, Quizzizz is a fun and engaging way to interact with students in an assessment game.





Coding/Red Tiles

Coding

<https://www.code.org>

<https://www.lego.com/en-us/campaigns/bits-and-bricks>

<https://www.codecademy.com/>

<https://scratch.mit.edu/>

Great resources for introducing coding through drag-and-drop interface.

Interested in building your own Symbaloo?



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<http://www.symbalooedu.com/wp-content/uploads/Symbaloo-Manual-2014.pdf>



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