

Technology Resources

WEBINARS



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- Children under the age to 13, have adult permission before accessing any online resources
- Students and/or families do not provide any identifying information to gain access to the resources – free or paid

Everything You Need, On The Google Website You Made

- You will learn how to make a Google Sites website from scratch, even with no previous experience (it's not hard, and it's free). Your website will give your students easy access to the materials you use in class, warm-ups you wrote, videos you want students to watch, recruitment information, anything in your Google Drive, and most importantly, the materials students need to access at home while distance-learning.
- **Presenter: Justin Dickson** has been a member of the NCMEA Technology Committee since 2016. He is the Band Director at Carroll Magnet Middle School in Raleigh, and has been directing middle school and high school bands in North Carolina since 2006.



INTRODUCTION

Today we will learn how to make a website with the Google Sites program. Then I will show you some examples of how I and other music teachers have used their website, especially for distance learning. We will not get very deep into what content you should put on your website, but rather how to make the website. This is “Google Sites for people who have not used Google Sites before.”

I am going to move quickly, but please do not stress. This is being recorded, so you can play and pause the video when you decide to make your own site. If you need help, google it.

Or email me: justindickson541@gmail.com

WHY USE GOOGLE SITES?

It is free, easy, secure, and it works. Especially if you already use Google Drive for your stuff.

DISADVANTAGES?

You are stuck with their templates. If you care about changing every little detail about how your site works, you will be frustrated. But it's fine.

SHOW A FINISHED WEBSITE

Let's look at some examples, so we can see what we are working toward.

<https://sites.google.com/view/ncmea2020demo1/home>

MAKE A SITE

<http://Sites.google.com>

Title

Background image for header

Header type

Text box - intro text. (no you cannot change the font... except in Themes)

Text box - header "welcome", drag it into position, change section background color

Themes (change theme, and color scheme).

Button, link to band boosters website

Button, link to school, click and drag

Pages, make a new page called Distance Learning

Text box: "July 31, 2020", change to Sub Heading

Text box: directions, add hyperlink to google classroom

Add a Youtube video, drag position to center

<https://youtu.be/JQl5cexp5dk>

Add a google drive window, click and drag

Change privacy settings for that folder in g drive!!

If I add, delete, or change anything in Drive, it automatically populates on the website.

Pages, make a new page called New Recruits

Change the menu order of pages by dragging

Insert image carousel

Edit settings to Auto Start

Text box, heading, Information For Parents, change background color

Add text box, information for parents

Text box, heading, Information For New Students, change background color

Table of contents

Collapsible text, attendance policy

Divider

Pages, make a new page called Student Leaders
Change page title in menu to Leaders (Properties)
Layouts - insert layout
Add photo of Leia, crop, add description
* notice that you can delete these text fields

Make a new page, called Calendar
Calendar insert
Sheets insert - parent volunteers
If I edit the sheet, it automatically changes on the live website
Docs insert - procedures for Friday night

Make a new page, called Practice Records
Insert google form called Weekly Practice Records
Click and drag to resize the form

Publish the website

Don't like that long web address? Make a tinyurl !

EXAMPLES OF WEBSITES BY MUSIC TEACHERS

www.JustinDickson.com

- You can make Youtube videos where you teach or demonstrate something for the kids

<https://sites.google.com/site/maconmiddleschoolband/home/practice-charts>

- Printable practice logs
- Current music recordings

<https://sites.google.com/lcps.org/nlemusic/home>

- Add page -- add subpage
- Padlet

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FURTHER READING

<https://shakeuplearning.com/blog/25-things-you-didnt-know-google-slides-could-do/>

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