

Here is a list of Free Website Hosting Sites.

Here are eight places that teachers can build and host a website for free:



[Yola](#) (formerly Synthasite) is the tool that I am currently using to build websites for my department and other departments in my high school. As I wrote in my [original review of Yola](#) an outstanding aspect of [Yola](#) is that not only is your website free, it is advertising free (unless you want advertising), and remains free regardless of how much content you add to it. This is a good thing if you plan to post a lot of audio or video content as some website builders and hosts begin to charge once you reach a certain volume content. [Yola](#) provides good tutorials and forums for first time users. I also learned first-hand that their responses to help requests are very quick.



[Webs](#) (formerly [Free Webs](#)) is another service that I have first-hand experience with in a school setting because my girlfriend (a teacher in another school district) uses it for her classes. [Webs](#) has all of the characteristics that you would expect to find in a free website platform. Websites built using [Webs](#) can include videos, calendars, polls, and a wide variety of third party widgets. [Webs](#) offers a wide variety of templates and layouts to select from. For people with a higher level of comfort with technology, [Webs](#) might be a little too basic for your needs. In that case you may want to consider [Snap Pages](#).



[Snap Pages](#) provides a free service as well as a premium service for creating your custom website. The free service has more than enough features for a teacher to set up and maintain a class website. The editing and customizing options of [Snap Pages](#) allow users to create pages that are little more clean and professional looking than some of the other companies in this market. The image resizing tool reminds me of the one found in Apple's Keynote presentation software. In fact, [TechCrunch](#) said that it's "a basic webpage designer that Apple should envy..."



[Web Node](#) is a simple way to build a website. The easy to use, drag and drop, interface makes it easy to change the look and feel of your website.

For two reasons [Web Node](#) is a good tool for students to use to present and share their work with a wider audience. First, [Web Node](#) does not put any advertising on your website. And second, the user interface is intuitive enough for most students to use on their own.



[Sauropol](#), like other free website building and hosting platforms, is a free method for teachers to share information about their courses with parents and students. One feature that [Sauropol](#) offers that some similar services do not offer is the ability to use more than one template within your website. In other words, you're not locked into using one format for all of your content.



[Weebly](#) was the first website building tool that I ever tried. Until today, I hadn't been back to [Weebly](#) in months, but it's still just as intuitive as ever. Customizing the look, feel, and components of your Weebly website is easily done through a drag and drop editor. All of the pages on your site are automatically indexed for ease of visitor navigation. I know from first hand experience that [Weebly](#) responds quickly to emails from users.



[Hipero](#) is the latest website building tool that I have tried. After reading that [Larry Ferlazzo](#) added it to his list of the best ways to create a website, I had to try it. What impressed me most about [Hipero](#) is the selection of templates available to users. If you can't find a template you like in [Hipero's](#) collection of more than 200, you are just too picky. Like Larry said in his post about [Hipero](#), it claims to be the easiest website builder, but I'm not sure if I agree. While [Hipero](#) is feature-rich I can't say that it is the most intuitive website builder I've used, that honor still goes to [Webs](#) and [Weebly](#).



Last, but not least is [Google Sites](#). Probably the biggest selling point for [Google Sites](#) is that you can integrate it with your Google account. You can also establish your Google Site as a collaborative work space. The option to set up your Google Site as a collaborative effort is nice if you teach as part of team and want all members to be able to update the site as needed.

All of these services offer some type of option for registering and hosting your site on a custom domain. What that allows you to do is drop the website builder's domain from the end of your url. For example, if I build a site using Snap Pages, in the free version my website's url will end with .snappages.com. This may not matter to you, but to some people

it does.

Finally, all of the options in this list do essentially the same task, provide you with a website of your own. Some may be more intuitive to you than others. I tried them all before deciding on one for the department websites that I'm currently building for use next fall.