

The new go-to online resource for Tennessee teachers and leaders is now ready for use! The *Ayers Institute for Teacher Learning and Innovation* at *Lipscomb University* has launched the initial phase of **www.eduToolbox.org**, an online portal that features instructional resources for educators in Tennessee and beyond.

A wealth of resources

This new website hosts **units, lessons, task arcs, assessments, videos, and professional learning materials** that have been migrated from www.TNCore.org. The new portal also links to exclusive instructional and professional learning resources from the *Ayers Institute*.

At launch, the *eduTOOLBOX* website provides access to hundreds of academic items through the “Instructional Exchange” and “Educator’s Toolkit” sections. The “Tennessee Tools” featured section contains a set of resources that are specifically licensed for use by Tennessee educators. K-12 educators can locate instructional materials and professional learning content that is easily applied to their local setting. Higher education instructors and students will find that *eduTOOLBOX* is a rich source of materials that can be incorporated into classroom learning activities and/or course projects.

The *eduTOOLBOX* website is accessible to all Internet users by using the website address (URL): <http://www.edutoolbox.org>.

This is just the start for the *eduTOOLBOX* resource-sharing portal. Future

phases of the *eduTOOLBOX* project, a re-optimization of the Tennessee Curriculum Center, will introduce additional interactive features and new, original resources created by Tennessee teachers that are specifically aligned to Tennessee’s academic standards.

Website sections

- Instructional Exchange
- Educator’s Toolkit
- Ayers Exclusives
- Tennessee Tools
- Crosswalk Charts

Supporting academic success

Creative educators will discover many powerful ways to use *eduTOOLBOX* to support student success. Here are five specific ways to use *eduTOOLBOX* within K-12 and higher education settings:

1. Current-service K-12 educators can browse the learning plans and instructional resources to aid in planning lessons that are both standards aligned and relevant to their students.
2. Pre-service teachers can review the materials on *eduTOOLBOX* to gain insight into realistic and effective planning and assessment.
3. Teacher-preparation faculty in higher education can use *eduTOOLBOX* items as classroom examples or as components of learning activities.
4. Showcase high-quality student work (e.g. unit plans) by submitting them

for publication on the *eduTOOLBOX* resource-sharing portal. This recognition could be highlighted on the student’s résumé.

5. Collaborate with the *Ayers Institute* to use *eduTOOLBOX* as the digital-distribution component for future grant and project proposals.

Getting started

To create a free user account:

1. Click on the “Login” link in the upper-right corner of the website.
2. Click on the “Create new account” tab on the log in screen.
3. Fill out the user account form and click the “Create New Account” button.
4. Locate the “Account Details” message that will be delivered to your e-mail inbox.
5. Click on the confirmation link that is provided in the e-mail. When you use this confirmation link, the website will ask you to set your account password.
6. Once you are logged in, click the *eduTOOLBOX* logo or the “Home” top-menu link to access the main page of the website.

<http://www.eduToolbox.org>

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