

Media Specialists and the Web

Henderson County Schools Technology Resource Teacher

<http://www.henderson.k12.ky.us/administration/trt/index.htm>

<http://www.henderson.k12.ky.us/administration/trt/Internet%20Resources.htm>

Plagiarism Stoppers

http://www.ncusd203.org/central/html/where/plagiarism_stoppers.html

Plagiarism is a rapidly growing problem in many venues today. Because it is so easy to locate information using the Internet, students have given in to the temptation to take materials and use them for their own. This needs to be addressed by all who are in the education field -- by teaching the observance of proper [citation](#) and [copyright compliance](#) AND by making sure our students know that stealing someone else's work is wrong.

Microsoft Reader and Text-to-Speech

<http://www.microsoft.com/reader/default.asp>

<http://www.microsoft.com/reader/developers/downloads/tts.asp>

<http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/ebooks/>

Librarian's Resources

<http://my.execpc.com/~jjstoltz/Resources.htm>

<http://www.ssdesign.com/librarypr/toolbox.html>

Web Editors

The web editors used by most teachers in Kentucky are Microsoft Frontpage and Microsoft Publisher. Each has its strengths and weaknesses.

Frontpage is not hard to set up a basic page with but it can be very tricky to get objects on the page just where you want them. The big advantage of Frontpage is all of the extras like a Hit Counter, Scrolling Marquee, and the Photo Gallery.

Publisher is easier to get everything just where you want it but its functions are limited. Some people think that all Publisher pages look alike and you can't do much with it. That is only true because most people use templates and stick to those templates. Publisher is very easy to get a page looking any way you want it.

Free Software

CutePDF

<http://www.cutepdf.com>

Do you have a need to create documents that can be read on any computer? Create professional quality PDF files from almost any printable document. This software can be downloaded **free** for personal and commercial use! Two files must be downloaded, CutePDF and Ghostscript.

GimpShop

<http://gimp-win.sourceforge.net/>

If you want to edit graphics but don't have the hundreds of dollars necessary for Photoshop, try Gimpshop.

Open Office

<http://www.openoffice.org>

Open Office is a free office suite from Sun Microsystems that is compatible with most Microsoft Office files. Some school districts and businesses are moving to this suite to avoid the high cost of Microsoft Office. Its only drawback is that it doesn't have an e-mail program.

Thunderbird

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

Open Office doesn't have an e-mail program, so here's your answer. Thunderbird was created by the same people who brought you the alternative web browser, Firefox.

Moodle

<http://www.moodle.org>

Moodle is similar to the Blackboard software used by many colleges for online classes. Many districts are beginning to have their own online classes or PD and Moodle is a very simple way to facilitate this. You may also want to explore creating online classes for students since beginning with the Class of 2012 all students will have to take one online class to fulfill graduation requirements.

Joomla

<http://www.joomla.org>

Joomla is a content management system (CMS) that allows you to have a web page without any HTML programming knowledge. If you are not familiar with a CMS it is the type of software used by newspapers and TV stations for their websites. A basic template is setup and different editors fill in the blanks.

For an example go to <http://eschool.henderson.k12.ky.us/joomla>. The website is still under development but will give you a feel for what a basic Joomla site can do for you.

If you want to work more with Moodle and Joomla you will have to contact your district technology staff to have the programs set up on a web server.