

Websites for Middle School Students and Younger

It seems like many of the educational sites around the web were created with either the elementary student or the college student in mind. But there are a number of sites that would be of interest to students in the middle school grades. Here are 20 to explore.

[Shmoop](#) - Shmoop offers an excellent collection of fun and lively study guides created by teachers and education experts. The site provides guides to literature, bestselling books, poetry, Shakespeare, U.S. history, civics, music, economics, and more.

[BJ Pinchbeck Homework Helper](#) - Created in the 1990s by nine-year-old BJ Pinchbeck, this small online reference has evolved into a comprehensive research site with hundreds of homework help links. Some of the topics covered on BJ Pinchbeck Homework Helper include art, computer science, English, foreign languages, health, math, music, science, and social studies.

[Learn Out Loud](#) - Learn Out Loud provides an extensive directory of free audio books, lectures, speeches, interviews, and other educational audio and video resources. All of the materials within the directory can be downloaded as mp3 files or streamed online.

[Whyville](#) - Whyville helps middle schoolers learn about art history, science, journalism, civics, and economics through exploration and communication. As Whyville citizens, students can play games, chat with friends, and much more.

[FreeRice.com](#) - This UN World Food Program site teaches civic responsibility while quizzing visitors on everything from English grammar and vocabulary to chemical symbols and pre-algebra. For every multiple choice trivia question that site visitors answer correctly, the UN donates ten grains of rice to help feed the hungry.

[Book Adventure](#) - Book Adventure is a free online reading program that welcomes children in grades K-8. The goal of the program is to get kids to read more and improve reading comprehension. Site visitors can use the site to create their own book lists, get reading recommendations, take quizzes on books they have read, and earn points and prizes for reading efforts.

[Bookwink](#) - Created for students in grades three through eight, Bookwink publishes short audio podcasts and videos designed to get kids excited about reading. The site offers book recommendations by subject, grade level, author, or title.

[Read Print](#) - Read Print is a free online library that contains thousands of novels, poems, plays, and stories in the public domain. Site visitors can search for books by author, title, or genre.

[Book Builder](#) - Middle schoolers who visit this site can create, publish, and share their own digital books online. They can also read free digital books created by other people.

[WritingFix](#) - Sponsored by the Northern Nevada Writing Project, Writing Fix provides a place for young writers to improve their craft. Site resources include free prompts, lessons, articles, and other writing resources.

[Math Playground](#) - This site is intended for elementary and middle school students. Site visitors can play math games, solve logic problems, watch math videos, and much more.

[Lure of the Labyrinth](#) - Created specifically for middle school students, this free online math game guides students through a digital labyrinth of math-based puzzles. Players must solve pre-algebra problems to save their missing pet and win the game.

[GeoEdu](#) - GeoEdu is an atlas and an educational game that helps players learn geography. The game contains more than 100,000 questions and allows players to choose from multiple levels of play.

[ARKive](#) - ARKive is a lively science site devoted to the conservation of endangered species around the world. Educational resources include news, photos, videos, article, reference materials, and more.

[Artopia](#) - Designed for middle school students with an interest in visual and performing arts, this site displays important works of art and allows users to build their own portfolio of artwork. Artopia users can also critique art, watch movies, and view student art.

[Stage'D](#) - Stage'D is a free online tool that can be used to create animated comics. New backgrounds and animations are constantly being added.

[iLike](#) - iLike has combined music with social media to create an application that connects music fans with their favorite artists. iLike can also be used to share music and learn about new artists.

[Glogster](#) - Glogster makes it easy for middle school students to get creative and express themselves through posters. Site users can create their own online posters using text, images, music, and video.

[Twrivia](#) - Twrivia combines trivia with Twitter. A new trivia question is posted each day. Twitter users who answer the question correctly and quickly can earn a place on the site's leader board.

[FreeDocumentaries.org](#) - This site streams popular full-length documentaries and educational films. No download or registration is required.

Guest post from education writer Karen Schweitzer. Karen is the About.com Guide to Business School. She also writes about [pharmacy technician training](#) for PharmacyTechnicianCertification.com.

Websites For Learning At Home

<http://www.mpls.k12.mn.us/learningresources>

Student Learning Resources

- AskMN**
Get real-time answers from a librarian 24/7.
- Atomic Learning**
Your personal online technology tutor with lesson accelerators and great ideas for integrating technology.
- African American Registry**
The largest African American History website in the world!
- Culture Grams**
Country and state information including cultural perspectives.
- Destiny**
Search all Minneapolis Public School libraries from school and home.
- ELM: Resources for Kids: Grades K-5**
K5info: information in all subjects.
- ELM: You**
Databases, video clips, magazines, newspapers @ your fingertips. Includes links for teens from 6-12.
- National Repository of Online Courses**
Minneapolis Public Schools NROC Curriculum index.
- Research Project Calculator**
Developing Cool Tools for Minnesota secondary school students and teachers.
- TeachingBooks**
Teachingbooks.net is an easy-to-use website that adds a multimedia dimension to the reading experiences of children's and young adult books.

This site from Minneapolis Public Schools offers many resources that are useful for homework help. The sites include video resources as well as information directly from public libraries including a 24/7 answer line from a public library.

<http://www.sweetsearch.com/sweetsites/categories/middle-school/students>

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<p>English</p> <p>The Guide to Grammar and Writing has help with punctuation, paragraph development, essay organization and much more.</p> <p>Bibliomans is packed with thousands of books, short stories and articles for middle schoolers.</p> <p>Book Adventure can help you find the right book to check out from the library by grade, reading level and interest.</p> <p>For4me.com offers lots of games and activities that you can do at home to improve your reading and language arts skills.</p> <p>The Glynn County School System has a list of fun game and activity sites for a little extra grammar and reading practice.</p> <p>Middle School English Web Guide lists many more middle school english resources for students, teachers, and parents.</p>	<p>Math</p> <p>The Math Dictionary for Kids has definitions of math terms along with examples.</p> <p>AskNumbers.com can help with conversions such as kilograms to pounds, miles to kilometers, and more.</p> <p>Coemath has calculators for graphing calculating quadratic equations and compound interest and much more.</p> <p>Math2.org is packed with lists of formulas for area, volume and surface area, and circle formulas.</p> <p>Mrs. Glosner's Math Goodies has math tutorials, homework help, and math worksheets for practice.</p> <p>Middle school Math Web Guide lists lots of middle school math resources for students or teachers, along with online reference material for parents to help kids with math work at home.</p>	<p>Social Studies</p> <p>Fact Monster Homework Center - Social Studies has maps, important documents, information about cities, government structure and funny laws.</p> <p>Kidscat has biographies of noteworthy people and history and geography resources.</p> <p>Schmoop's Education - Student's Home Page has a rotating selection of online exhibits and social studies quizzes and games.</p> <p>FunSchool Online History offers several challenging and fun games test your understanding of social studies topics.</p> <p>Middle School Social Studies Web Guide lists additional social studies web resources for help with social studies topics in and out of the classroom.</p>	
<p>Geography</p> <p>The History Channel lists the branches of geography, the tools and methods of geography and the history of geography.</p> <p>The Encyclopedia of Earth looks at physical geography, its subcategories and its four spheres.</p> <p>Association of American Geographers defines cultural and human geography.</p> <p>National Geographic has a wide variety of maps and mapping tools.</p> <p>Lizardquest lets you test your geography knowledge with online quizzes.</p>	<p>Web Research</p> <p>HowStuffWorks has a detailed explanation of how search engines work, using helpful graphics to make the concepts clear.</p> <p>UC Berkeley Library has a slightly more advanced guide to evaluating Web sites.</p> <p>American Association of School Librarians walks you through the research process and has links to sites with information about each step.</p> <p>Tips for Better Web Searches shows you how to credible, accurate, search results when using a search engine.</p>	<p>Science</p> <p>TryScience has interactive experiments, virtual field trips, and problem-solving games.</p> <p>Science Essentials has activities, FAQs, quizzes, and a glossary.</p> <p>Biology For Kids has a large section on different animal species, featuring pictures and biological information.</p> <p>Rader's 4 Kids feature simple but thorough tutorials on many specific science topics.</p> <p>Physics For Beginners gives a simple introduction to the definitions and laws</p>	

Sweet Search is a search engine from Dulcinea Media. The site is made specifically for students and parents looking for extra help at home. The links include items organized by subject area and include items such as math dictionaries, interactive science and geography activities and links to homework help by subject.

Additional Popular Educational Resources

- [Dr. Math](#) - Tutoring site that allows students to email questions and get responses
- [Merriam Webster](#) - The most comprehensive dictionary on the internet
- [Test Taking Survival Tips](#) - Good tips and tricks for acing exams
- [Kid's Click](#) - Search Engine for young students
- [Yahoo Kids](#) - Website dedicated to youth
- [Encyclopedia for Kids](#) - Free Encyclopedia for reference
- [Word Whiz](#) - Helps students build vocabulary and study skills
- [Color Atlas](#) - Unique maps for geography fans

Websites With Resources For Parents

- <http://www.pta.org> - Parent Teacher Association Webpage
- [Great Schools.Org](http://www.greatschools.org) - A middle school parents' preparation for college guide
- [Health Insurance Online](http://www.healthinsuranceonline.com) - A database of health information for kids and adults
- [Read, Write, Think](http://www.readwriteandthink.com) - Resources to help parents with their child's literacy
- [Middle School Web Resources](http://www.middle-school-web-resources.com) - Valuable information for both parents and teachers
- [US Dept. of Education](http://www.usdeptofeducation.gov) - search for student aid resources by state

Resources for Specific Issues

Students With Disabilities

- [http://www.add.org/](http://www.add.org) - Attention Deficit Disorder Association
- <http://www.ldresources.com/> - Learning Disability Resources
- <http://www.nclad.org/> - National Center for Learning Disabilities
- <http://www.fcsn.org/> - Federation for Children with Special Needs

For Minority or First Generation Students

- <http://www.educacionsuperior.org/> - education information in Spanish
- <http://www.uncf.org/> - United Negro College Fund
- <http://www.aihec.org/> - American Indian Higher Education Consortium
- <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oela/index.html?src=mr> - Department of Education/Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs

The Future - Getting an Early Start on Careers and College

- [Explore Your Career Options](http://www.bls.gov/feature/interactive/) - An interactive website from the Bureau of Labor and Statistics
- [The Princeton Review](http://www.princetonreview.com) - Great test preparation and practice resources.
- [Find the Right College for you](http://www.collegeboard.com/sat/career/) - Learn about which colleges are similar to your interests and your strengths
- [Test Practice with Coach](http://www.testpractice.com) - Standards based test preparation for kids, parents and teachers
- [Students.gov](http://www.students.gov) - student gateway to the US Government