Wiridot in Education

Build the perfect classroom site using:
- Wiki language for documents
- Easy collaboration
- Private sites
- Flexible security model
- Math equations in your wiki

“Wikidots beauty is its simplicity. The ease of creating a good looking website is absolutely outstanding. Perhaps the best thing however, is the knowledge that the developers are truly committed, and listen to the users.” — Tom Crowley
1. Go to www.wikidot.com
2. Create a new account or sign in
Administration of Early Childhood Programs

Early childhood administrators are responsible for the overall operation of their programs. The roles and responsibilities of early childhood administrators are diverse, ranging from complete responsibility for program operations to shared responsibilities of specific operations or programs.

Early childhood administrators often discover that their position is similar to a school principal or a child care director. Their roles include managing the school program, providing instructional and program leadership, and leading initiatives. Among many other things, they are responsible for budgets, the safety of children, compliance to federal and state regulations, staffing, parent and family involvement and collaborating with and involving community partners.

Unlike other school administrators, there is no formal training required of early childhood administrators in Minnesota. However, as this wiki or any seasoned early childhood administrator can testify, there is a lot to learn! Thankfully, we have a tremendous amount of experience and knowledge amongst administrators in Minnesota.

*Administrators may hold titles like coordinators, directors, or managers. Early childhood administrators work in a variety of settings and programs.*

WHAT IS A WIKI?

Click here for a YouTube video demonstrating the wiki concept.

PURPOSE OF THIS SITE

1. To serve as a hub, or a one-stop shop, for early childhood administrators in Minnesota.
2. To help connect the early childhood community and strengthen relationships between and among providers.
3. To provide a common space for sharing, collaborating, and learning about the administration and operation of early childhood programs.
4. Most importantly, to share ideas, resources, strategies, etc.

HOW TO USE THIS SITE

By definition, a wiki is a website that allows the creation and editing of any number of interlinked web pages via a web browser using a simplified markup language. Early childhood professionals from a variety of programs/services are able to create and edit information in their areas of interest or expertise. For instance, if you have a link, resource or best practice that you would like to share with colleagues, you can add the information to this site.

Some organizations especially relevant to early childhood administrators are listed on the top tool bar. The left side tool bar contains links to topic-specific areas of interest.

In order to edit this wiki, you must log in. To create an account, click here.

SOCIAL NETWORKING LINKS

www.ecadmin.wikidot.com
Click on “Join this site”
Regional Networking Groups

NORTHEAST
NORTH CENTRAL
NORTHWEST
WEST CENTRAL
CENTRAL
SOUTHEAST
SOUTH CENTRAL
SOUTHWEST

METRO & SURROUNDING AREA

- EAST METRO
- NORTHWEST METRO
- WEST METRO
- WEST METRO II
- EAST CENTRAL
- SOUTH OF THE RIVER
- WEST METRO SCHOOL READINESS
- NORTHEAST METRO SCHOOL READINESS

Scroll down
Click on “Edit”
This looks like a Word document, but it needs a mark up language or code. Fortunately, Wikidot tools/software adds that for us.
Here, I typed NORTHEAST and then highlighted it. I placed the cursor over H1 and the H1 to H6 options appeared. I selected H5 and it automatically added the 5 +

For EAST METRO, I highlighted it and clicked on Bulleted List.
As you can see, the first two paragraphs of this page is information I just typed in. There are two new things on the Budgeting page: Files and Links.
Links are easy. Just highlight the text you want to be linked and then click the URL link button.

Budgeting is the central means of creating the road map for a program year or any organization and should be done annually with goal setting and objective parameters, is essential to effectively and efficiently managing Early Childhood programs.

The coordinator is responsible for developing a budget that is fiscally responsible, with all resources. This means that the coordinator should be actively involved in the development and knowledge about the budgeting process, i.e., the district, state and federal, school district or organization finance personnel helps assure compliance with procedures and state and/or federal statutes. Budgeting is a straightforward process to create and manage an effective program budget.

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The **Minnesota Department of Education (MDE)** compiles and maintains information about Education, Early Childhood Family Education, and School Readiness programs. [Click here for the Program Finance page](http://www.example.com) on the MDE website for information.

This is what it adds (the web address and the brackets). Now you just add the correct URL link, usually by just copying and pasting from the website.

To add a file, click on “Files”

This is what appears

Click on “Upload a file from your computer”
From there, click on “Select Files”

Select and upload desired file
Uploading Files

Users can find files by clicking on the Files button or we can add links in the text. Below is an example of what the code looks like if we want to link our uploaded file.

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• The green text is the exact name of the file we uploaded (I usually just copy and paste the name from the Files list).

• The red text is what we want displayed and linked (what the user clicks on in order to retrieve the file)

• The black text is the code we have to add to make it work.
Numerous Possibilities

Clicking on “Help” brings you to this page:

**Wikidot Documentation & Help pages**

**Documentation pages**
- Wiki syntax — the language you use to write Wikidot pages
- Quick reference — a summary of the most useful pieces
- Modules — the additional pieces you can plug into your pages
- Data forms — creating simple applications with Wikidot
- Embedding other services — photos, videos, etc.
- Templates — per-category structure for your pages
- Searching — looking for pages in your sites or globally
- Site structure — how each of the sites is organized
- Users — Managing users and permissions
- Layout reference — for CSS theme designers
- Thumbnails — the automatic thumbnail service
- Video Tutorials
- Advertising — revenue from your high-traffic sites
- Wikidot API — external application interface (alpha)

**FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)**
- Upgrades and Plans
- User accounts
- Site features and managing sites
- Private sites
- Editing pages
- Watching changes
- Technical

**Howtos**
- How to set up forum? Step-by-step guide
- How to Make a Successful Site?
- Site statistics — visitors tracking, hit counters etc.
- URLs for each page in Site Manager and My Account

Howtos are available from the Community Site.

**Code examples**
A growing collection of code and solutions is available at [snippets.wikidot.com](http://snippets.wikidot.com).