**Top 10 Blogging Solutions by David Kapuler**

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Blogging is one of the most popular Web 2.0 tools around and used by educators everywhere. Basically, it is "online journaling" and a great way for students and teachers to create online content. However, the key to a blog is its collaborative nature and the ability to generate communication among others. Below are my favorites blogging solution for educators.

   1. [Edmodo](http://www.edmodo.com/) - A terrific solution for blogging in the classroom and it's free. It allows teachers to create student accounts and monitor all their activity.
   2. [Kidblog](http://kidblog.org/home.php)  - A great free way for students to blog with no email account necessary; teachers have total control of student content.
   3. [Gaggle](https://gaggle.net/) - A semi-free (paid version removes ads) way for students to blog in a filtered environment. Gaggle will also filter Google Apps, provide forums, and filter YouTube as well.
   4. [Blogger](https://www.blogger.com/start?utm_campaign=en&utm_source=en-ha-na-bk&utm_medium=ha&utm_term=blogger&gclid=CNeI9bGW1aQCFYs65QodKlcoIg)  - Google's free blogging service that is very easy to use and has a beautiful user interface with lots of: themes, gadgets, and options to choose from.
   5. [Word Press](http://wordpress.org)   - One of the most popular free blogging platforms on the web. It requires an install and setup which means it has a bit of a higher learning curve then some other options.
   6. [Edublog Campus](http://edublogs.org/campus)   - A paid blogging solution for schools that is built around the Word Press Platform.
   7. [Penzu](http://blog.penzu.com) - A nice new (beta) site for blogging that allows users to choose if they want their posts to be public or private.
   8. [Live Journal](http://www.livejournal.com)   - A combination of a blogging platform and social network that is very popular, with a focus on social media.
   9. [21 Classes](http://www.21classes.com/)  - A wonderful blogging solution for students and teachers. Teachers can create student accounts and monitor all blog entries before they are posted.
  10. [TypePad](http://www.typepad.com/) - Create excellent-looking blogs with this very easy-to-use paid service.

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