COURSE NAME: Using Social Media in the Classroom

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:
An introduction to the educational uses of Twitter, Snapchat, and Instagram. The course explores the world of tweets, retweets, direct messages, follows, and hashtags. Students learn how to take a snap and create a story using Snapchat and how to share photos and stories using Instagram. Students apply these tools in their classrooms to promote responsible interactive learning.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:
At the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Create lessons and activities that promote interactive learning.
- Explain how Twitter, Snapchat, and Instagram can support a collaborative teaching environment.
- Demonstrate a basic understanding of Twitter Snapchat, and Instagram by creating accounts and using these tools with their colleagues.
- Align the use of social media tools with the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework.
- Engage in collaboration with peers to design and discuss best practice strategies.
- Compile a list of resources for use in the classroom setting.

Massachusetts Technology Literacy Standards addressed:
Standard 1:
Demonstrate proficiency in the use of computers and applications, as well as an understanding of the concepts underlying hardware, software, and connectivity. This standard includes:

- learning and adapting to new and emerging technology tools.

**Standard 2:**
Demonstrate the responsible use of technology and an understanding of ethics and safety issues in using electronic media at home, in school, and in society. This standard:

- relates to social, ethical, and human issues. It promotes positive attitudes toward the uses of technology, as well as responsible use of information. This standard also includes recognition of technology’s impact on civic participation, the democratic process, and the environment
- aims to ensure that students understand general rules for safe Internet practices, including how to protect their personal information on the Internet
- is to help students develop an awareness of the personal image that they convey through the information they post on the Internet
- supports students in exhibiting leadership for digital citizenship

**Standard 3:**
Demonstrate the ability to use technology for research, critical thinking, problem solving, decision making, communication, collaboration, creativity, and innovation. This standard:

- focuses on applying a wide range of technology tools to student learning and everyday life
- aims to ensure that students will be able to use technology to process and analyze information
- is to help students develop skills for effective technology-based communication
- includes the use of technology to explore and create new ideas, identify trends, and forecast possibilities
- aims to provide students with an awareness of how technology is used in the real world

**National Standards:**
This course will apply the National Educational Technology Standards (NETS), the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), and the Massachusetts Technology Literacy Standards and Expectations.

**NETS:**
1. Facilitate and Inspire Student Learning and Creativity
2. Design and Develop Digital-Age Learning Experiences and Assessments
3. Model Digital-Age Work and Learning
4. Promote and Model Digital Citizenship and Responsibility
5. Engage in Professional Growth and Leadership

**NBPTS:**
1. Teachers are Committed to Students and their Learning
2. Teachers Know the Subjects they teach and How to teach those Subjects to Students
3. Teachers are responsible for Managing and Monitoring Student Learning.
4. Teachers Think Systematically about their Practice and Learn from the Experience.
5. Teachers are Members of Learning Communities.

**Course Expectations:**
This course is designed as a collaborative four-week online learning experience. All participants are expected to complete all readings, participate in weekly discussions, and complete assignments. If you anticipate being away during any part of this course, make plans to have access to a computer connected to the internet. Late work is not accepted.

**Course Grading**

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**Module 1: Why Twitter? Create an Account**

**Objective:** To explore instructional ideas for use in your classroom. To gain an understanding of how Twitter can be used in the classroom and why it should be used in the classroom. Create a Twitter account and tweet.

**Powerful Learning: Twitter in the Classroom**

**How to use Twitter in the Classroom**
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XsSuJza3tv4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XsSuJza3tv4)

**Digitally Speaking / Why Teachers Should Try Twitter**

**Twitter Guide Book – How To, Tips and Instructions**

**The Twitter glossary**
[https://support.twitter.com/articles/166337#](https://support.twitter.com/articles/166337#)

**Twitter Dictionary: A Guide to Understanding Twitter Lingo**

**How to make a Twitter account**
[http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Twitter-Account](http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Twitter-Account)

[https://twitter.com/?lang=en](https://twitter.com/?lang=en)
Discussion Board 1: Introductions  Please introduce yourself and tell the class what grade and subject you teach and anything else you would like to share.

Discussion Board 2: How would you use Twitter in your classroom? Do you think Twitter will enhance your classroom? Respond to at least two other students.

Module 2: Hashtags# Resources
Objective: To explore what Hashtags are and what they mean. To gain an understanding of how to use them with Twitter.

Using Hashtags with Tweets
http://www.wikihow.com/Use-Hashtags-With-Twitter What is a Hashtag on Twitter?
https://www.lifewire.com/what-is-a-hashtag-on-twitter-3486592 How to Use Hashtags on Every Social Media Network
http://www.edudemic.com/guides/guide-to-twitter/
60 Inspiring Examples of Twitter in the Classroom
https://globaldigitalcitizen.org/60-inspiring-examples-of-twitter-in-the-classroom
100 Ways to Use Twitter In Education, By Degree of Difficulty
Using Twitter in School: 4 Ways Students and Teachers Can Connect With the World
https://www.scilearn.com/blog/using-twitter-school-four-ways-studentsteach-connect
Twitter use in the classroom
http://www.teachhub.com/50-ways-use-twitter-classroom
Twitter cheat sheet
Discussion Board 3: How do you feel about using Twitter in the classroom? Do you find that hashtags help you define tweets? Did you set
up a Twitter account just for your classroom? Respond to at least two other students.

**Module 3: Snapchat**
**Objective:** To gain an understanding how to use Snapchat. To explore instructional ideas for use in your classroom. Create a Snapchat account and chat.

What’s the point of Snapchat and how does it work?  

Getting started with Snapchat in your classroom  

Creating groups using Snapchat for use in the classroom  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JeuxbBffoZU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JeuxbBffoZU)

15 Ways to use Snapchat in the classes and schools.  

How to use Snapchat for classroom Learning Success?  

**Discussion Board 4:** How do you think you can use Snapchat in your classroom to enhance student learning? Did you find it difficult to set up an account? Respond to at least two other students.

**Module 4: Instagram**
**Objective:** To gain an understanding how to use Instagram. To explore instructional ideas for use in your classroom. Create an Instagram account and chat.
8 Smart Uses of Instagram for students
http://socialwebqanda.com/2013/12/8-smart-uses-of-instagram-for-smart-students/

How to set up an Instagram account/help site
https://help.instagram.com/

Instagram in the classroom
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YHrLSzjLOsc

The Ultimate Guide for Instagram

Discussions Board 5: How can we use Instagram in the classroom? Can we use it with parents? Respond to at least two other students.

Discussion Board 6: Final Assignment:
Create a summary of the social media tools that you have reviewed and created. How do you plan on using them in your classroom with students/parents? Summary should be 6-8 paragraphs. Please include in your summary a screen shot of your social media tools that you have created. Respond to all your classmates.

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