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## **RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS**

The following are organizations we find most helpful for information from accreditation and education news to curriculum and lesson plans.

### **WASC – Western Association for Schools and Colleges**

<http://www.acswasc.org/>

The Accrediting Commission for Schools (ASC WASC) extends its services to over 4,500 public, independent, church-related, and proprietary pre-K–12 and adult schools, works with 16 associations in joint accreditation processes, and collaborates with other educational organizations.

### **NAIS – National Association for Independent Schools**

<http://www.nais.org/>

The National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) is a nonprofit membership association that provides services to more than 1,700 schools and associations of schools in the United States and abroad, including 1,400 independent private K-12 schools in the U.S.

### **ACE Consulting - University of Notre Dame**

<http://ace.nd.edu/consulting/>

ACE Program for K-12 Educational Access

The Program is designed as a teaching, research, and outreach enterprise dedicated to helping develop instruments of policy and philanthropy that can ensure that as many low-income families as possible have the financial means to receive a Catholic education.

### **SPARK – School Partnership**

[http://www.sparkprogram.org/index.php/get\\_involved/school\\_partnership](http://www.sparkprogram.org/index.php/get_involved/school_partnership)

Spark is a national nonprofit that provides life-changing apprenticeships to youth from disadvantaged communities. Spark one-on-one workplace apprenticeships empower young people to succeed in their education and beyond. Spark partners with schools to bring our programs to high-need students in underserved communities in the San Francisco Bay Area (San Francisco, Oakland, and the Peninsula).

### **Common Sense Media – resources for educators**

<http://www.commonsensemedia.org/educators>

Common Sense Media is dedicated to improving the lives of kids and families by providing the trustworthy information, education, and independent voice they need to thrive in a world of media and technology.

### **KQED - EdSpace**

<http://education.kqed.org/edspace/>

Make learning INTERACTIVE with resources from PBS LearningMedia! Try out one of PBS LearningMedia's unique interactive resources. The PBS LearningMedia content library provides PreK-12 educators with 30,000 contextualized teaching resources to engage 21st century learners while supporting the integration of the Common Core State Standards.

**edutopia**

<http://www.edutopia.org/>

Dedicated to transforming the learning process by helping educators, and empowering students to think critically, access and analyze information, creatively problem solve, work collaboratively, and communicate with clarity and impact. Discover the resources, research, experts, and fellow Edutopia members who are changing our schools.

**826 Valencia**

[826valencia.org](http://826valencia.org)

826 Valencia is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting students ages six to eighteen with their creative and expository writing skills and to helping teachers inspire their students to write. We offer a range of programs, all free of charge, for students, classrooms, and schools in the Bay Area. Our project-based approach allows students ownership over the writing process, and strengthens their ability to express themselves clearly and in their own voice.

**Mathletics**

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

America's # 1 math website. Mathletics is the next generation in learning, helping students enjoy math and improve their results. Free class trials available.

**Khan Academy**

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

Providing a free world-class education for anyone anywhere. With thousands of bite-sized videos, step-by-step problems and instant data, Khan Academy provides a rich and engaging learning experience.

**Junior Achievement**

<http://bayarea.ja.org/>

Junior Achievement (JA) empowers young people to own their economic success. Our volunteer-delivered, kindergarten-12th grade programs foster work-readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy skills, and use experiential learning to inspire students to dream big and reach their potential.

**Education Next**

<http://educationnext.org/>

In the stormy seas of school reform, this journal will steer a steady course, presenting the facts as best they can be determined, giving voice (without fear or favor) to worthy research, sound ideas, and responsible arguments. Bold change is needed in American K–12 education, but *Education Next* partakes of no program, campaign, or ideology. It goes where the evidence points.

**The Education Report**

<http://www.ibabuzz.com/education/>

Reporter Katie Murphy's blog on Oakland Schools

**Go Public Schools**

<http://www.gopublicschools.org/>

Great Oakland Public Schools is a nonprofit membership organization that connects and activates an informed community network to advance policies that ensure all Oakland students have the opportunity to attend quality public schools. Stay in the loop on what's going on in education in Oakland and the East Bay.