



Creating and setting up a free blog for your class.

To be used in Constructing 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Environments course.

## Blogging for teachers and students, made easy

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1. Edublogs is a free blog software for educators. Click the “Sign Up for Free” button to get started.

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Are you new to blogging and wondering how to get started blogging with your students? Read the [on this post for tips](#). Please share [your blogging experience and advice to educators new to blogging here!](#)

### General Settings

**Blog Title**

**Tagline**   
In a few words, explain what this blog is about.

**E-mail address**   
This address is used only for admin purposes. If you change this we will send you an email at your new address to confirm it. **The new address will not become active until confirmed.**

**Membership**  Users must be registered and logged in to comment

**Timezone**    
UTC time is 2008-07-22 13:36:51  
UTC -4 is 2008-07-22 9:36:51

2. Fill in the appropriate information in the Settings tab to the right. Use the setting tab to change this information in the future.

### 3. Choose a design in the Design Tab.

#### Batavia 1.5



Quick, simple and classic.

#### Benevolence



A two-column simplistic theme with an inclination to perform kind, charitable acts.

#### Black-LetterHead



The dark side of white space.

#### Blix



#### Bluebird



#### Blue Green



### 4. Choose Widgets or tools for the blog. Theme Options will change the color and look of the design, and custom header may be created.

Color Scheme

I like them all, change schemes randomly!

Background

Background color:  [restore default](#)

Background pattern:

Attachment:  scroll  fixed

Repeat:

Position:  [help](#)

Colors

Posts background color:  [restore default](#)

Posts border color:  [restore default](#)

Sidebars background color:  [restore default](#)

Sidebars border color:  [restore default](#)

Layout Options

Use the 1024px theme look instead of the default 800px one

Show sidebars even in single post view

5. Manage the comments. Remember CCSD requires all student comments to be approved before being posted.

The screenshot shows the WordPress dashboard's 'Comments' section. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'Write', 'Manage', 'Design', 'Comments' (highlighted in red), and 'Upgrades'. Below the tabs, a yellow box contains a comment: 'Good use of images in posts grab readers attention! Read about the basics [posts.](#)'. Underneath is a 'Manage Comments' header with a play button icon. Below that, there are filters: 'Show All Comments | Awaiting Moderation (0) | Approved'. At the bottom, there are four buttons: 'Approve', 'Mark as Spam', 'Unapprove', and 'Delete'.

6. To write a post, give the post a Title, Insert Text, Images and Posts (see more info below). Also, give the post Tags or one word that will describe the post and a Category. This post may be Unpublished or Published. If the post is kept private, only those who are given the URL will be able to view that post.

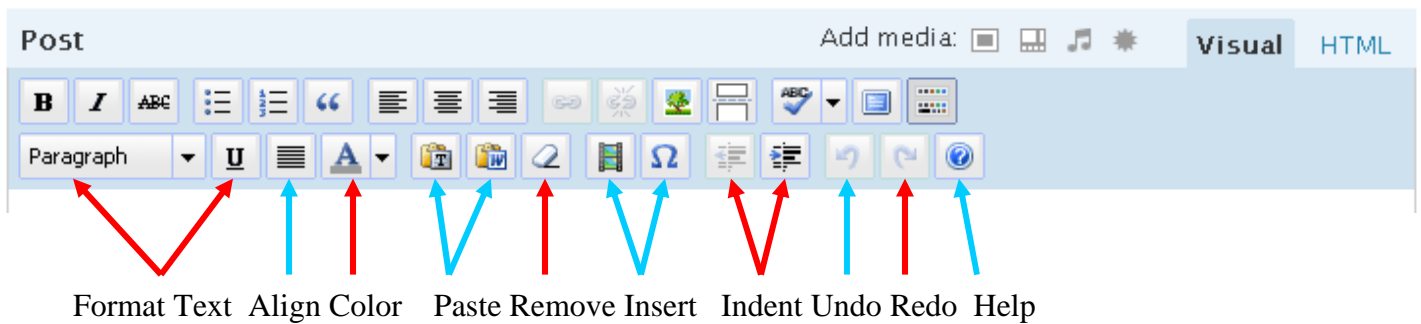
## Write Post

The screenshot shows the WordPress 'Write Post' editor. At the top left is a 'Title' field. Below it is the 'Post' editor area, which includes a rich text editor with a toolbar (bold, italic, text color, list, link, unlink, image, video, audio, gallery, undo, redo, fullscreen, help) and a 'Visual'/'HTML' toggle. To the right of the editor is a 'Publish Status' sidebar with a dropdown menu set to 'Unpublished', a checkbox for 'Keep this post private', and a 'Publish immediately' link. Below the editor is a 'Path: p' field. At the bottom, there are 'Tags' and 'Categories' sections, each with an 'Add new tag' or 'Add new category' input field and an 'Add' button. The 'Tags' section also includes the instruction 'Separate tags with commas'.

7. Various formatting options are available. See the toolbar below for adding images, movies and music. There are also options for embedding objects and editing in HTML by selecting the HTML tab.



8. By clicking the last button, “Show Kitchen Sink” another toolbar appears.



9. Use the Advanced Options sections for editing Excerpts, Trackbacks, Custom fields, Comments and Pings, and Password Protection.

### Advanced Options

