How to Access and Use BrainPOP Educators and My BrainPOP

What are BrainPOP Educators and My BrainPOP?

BrainPOP Educators is a collection of tips, tools, and resources to inspire and support teachers, parents, tutors, and everyone else who educates young people. Found at www.brainpop.com.educators/community, it features a blog that announces new BrainPOP features, hosts guest bloggers, and follows current events from the world of educational technology. On BrainPOP Educators you’ll find resources including lesson plans, calendars of events, and creative suggestions for using BrainPOP in the classroom.

My BrainPOP lets students and teachers keep track of learning. Teachers invite their students to join "classes" they've set up on My BrainPOP. From there, they can create custom quizzes with the Mixer™, correct quizzes, comment on activities, and more. Students can see a history of the movies they've watched and activities they've tackled. Additionally, a selection of GameUp titles offers a "snapshot" tool so players can capture and reflect on key points.

My BrainPOP is available to BrainPOP Educators with 24/7 district- or schoolwide subscriptions. Check the U drive for your school’s log in information My BrainPOP educator codes in the Technology Resources folder.

To get started, you will need a BrainPOP Educators account:

1. Go to https://secure.brainpop.com/educators/registration/.
2. Follow the steps to create your individual BrainPOP Educators account. Make sure you select the correct school.

What will you find on BrainPOP Educators?

Free resources:
- movie ideas, activity pages, and answer keys
- lessons plans by subject and grade level
- webinars and video tutorials
- graphic organizers
- mobile apps
- games for interactive whiteboards
- calendars, posters, certificates, and stickers
- game-based learning resources
- FAQs
3. Next, connect your individual educator’s account to your school district account.

4. Verify your permission to access your school’s BrainPOP/BrainPOP, Jr. subscription by entering the educator verification codes found on the U drive in the Technology Resources folder. If you are unable to locate the folder on the U drive, you can also click on Help Me Get My Code to send an email to Debbie Elias.

Getting Started with MY BrainPOP

1) Log on to http://www.brainpop.com/ and click Are You an Educator? Click Yes to log in.

2) Log in with your personal educator’s account information you just created.

My BrainPOP, My Mixer Quizzes, and My Classes are only available for BrainPOP grades 3-8. BrainPOP, Jr. options currently not available.
With a class on BrainPOP, you will be able to see student progress, track quiz scores, and more!

Each student will receive their own username and password to log on to BrainPOP 24/7 at school and home.

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3) You should see three new options under your name. Click on My Classes to create student accounts to manage and monitor activity.

Setting Up Classes

My BrainPOP "classes" are essentially virtual classes that teachers set up to manage different groups of students. They can correspond to actual classes, but they don’t have to. For example, you might set up a My BrainPOP class for all your Period 3 students; for a pull-out group; for a certain subject area; or even for an after-school club.

1) To set up a class, log in to BrainPOP using your BrainPOP Educators account and click on My BrainPOP. Then click on My Classes. You’ll be prompted to create a class. Name the class and assign it a special code. Your students will use this special code to join the class. Create as many classes as you want.

2) Invite your students to join - When you set up a new “class,” you create a unique code for it, then share that code with your students. Be sure to remind your students that they should start logging in with their new usernames and passwords – their personal accounts – instead of their school’s account.

Print and pass out these coupons with instructions.
a. Direct students to **BrainPOP.com** and enter your class code. Then create a new user (student) account. Students will be asked to enter their first and last names, and to create a username and password. *It is recommended students use their WSSD district credentials.*

b. When completed, they will return the **Join** class screen and need to **Log In**.

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**What can students do with My BrainPOP?**

Students now have full access to all BrainPOP resources. They can:

1. Keep a history of all movies watched.
2. Track the quizzes they have taken.
3. Save the activities they have completed.
4. See all game snapshots.
5. Submit activities to a teacher.
6. See comments and scores for a teacher.

**Joining a class(es)** - Students enter different class codes to join different classes with one personal account.

**Submitting work** - Students can submit work at the end of a quiz when prompted to submit scores to the teacher. If the student is part of more than one class, he or she can choose which teacher receives the responses. Students can also save and submit activity pages, or send snapshots of and reflections on game play through GameUp.

**Receiving feedback** - Students receive their scores and comments from teachers after a teacher scores or comments on a student’s work. He or she can send it back to the student.

When the student logs in to My BrainPOP, the feed will include an alert that he or she can click on.

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To remove a student from a class: In the class, select the appropriate class tab, then click on the Class Management button. Clicking on the Edit icon next to the student’s name will give you the option of removing him or her from that class. You’ll be able to indicate whether the student has left the school, or just your class.

How to use My BrainPOP with Your Students

My BrainPOP tracks students’ movie watching history and their score on quizzes, including those created with the Mixer. My BrainPOP also tracks their work on Activity pages. On select GameUp titles, students can take snapshots of their play and then write a reflection on what they’ve done or answer a prompt. These snapshots are also tracked by My BrainPOP.

How to Manage My BrainPOP

1) Different views
   a. Timeline View – Shows you all the work students have submitted to you, with the most recent activity at the top.
   b. Spreadsheet View – Shows you a spreadsheet containing the work students have submitted to you. You can export that spreadsheet as a CSV file for use in Excel or a gradebook program.

Sample Teacher View
2) Quizzes –

a. Most BrainPOP videos have a classic quiz for students to check for understanding after viewing. When logged into a My BrainPOP student account, a student’s score can be scored, printed, emailed, and reviewed by you.

b. My Mixer Quizzes - The Mixer™ is a tool that lets you create and share custom, BrainPOP-style quizzes. It’s a great way to tailor assessment and meet all your students’ needs. A search function gives you access to our growing library of multiple choice and open-response questions. You can add any item you like to your quiz and edit it to suit your own needs.
You also can write your own multiple choice and open response questions from scratch. When your quiz is done, you can keep it private so that only your students can see it; or you can share it with the community, giving other teachers access to your work.

Easily create quizzes on your mobile device app, too. Students can take quizzes on all devices.

**How do I create a quiz?**

a. Go to your list of existing quizzes and click the **New Quiz** button. A popup will appear asking you to pick a working title and a topic for your quiz. When you click the **Create** button, you’re on your way!

b. Enter customized questions by type (multiple choice or open-ended). Upload images to include with your answers.

Or search for BrainPOP questions or those created by other users.
c. Click on **Finalize** to complete your quiz.
d. Assign your own quiz code or auto-generate one to give to students to access and click Publish.

![Image of Quiz Code](image1.png)

e. You can copy the link or share the code once your quiz is published with your students.

![Image of Published Quiz](image2.png)

f. To Edit, click on the Pencil icon next the quiz title. To delete a quiz, click on the Trash can.

![Image of Quiz Settings](image3.png)

g. To create tiered quizzes for differentiation, find the quiz you want to duplicate in your list of quizzes. Click the Copy icon (between the pencil and the trash can). In the popup, click the Yes button. You now have a duplicate of the original quiz, with “(copy)” added to the end of its title. You may change the title in the quiz Settings. In the quiz settings you can edit, move, add, or delete questions.

![Image of Quiz Settings (copy)](image4.png)

h. To Print a paper copy, click the next to the quiz title. The icon will turn to down when the to reveal your options. Click on the printer icon.

![Image of Printed Quiz](image5.png)
Submitting and Grading Tips

- Multiple choice questions will be graded automatically; however, you must grade open response questions manually.
- When your students finish a quiz, they can print their results, review them, or email them to you.
- If you’ve set up classes through My BrainPOP, students can submit completed quizzes directly to your My BrainPOP account. You will be able to score open-ended questions, make comments, and track progress, all through BrainPOP.

3) Activities – Activity pages are worksheet style resources that accompany most videos. Teachers can print for students or ask students to type or draw their responses and save to their student accounts or submit to a class/teacher for grading.

Most activities include: vocabulary, review sheets, and graphic organizers.

Writing tools best used at the SMART Board

Text tool for typing and saving responses on the document.

Once a student saves an activity to to a personal account, the option to submit to a teacher will appear for grading.

Student view
4) **Q & A** – Essential questions with complete answers when you click on the text.

![Q&A](image1)

5) **GAME UP** – Include game-based learning into your teaching with games and lessons plans found in BrainPOP and BrainPOP educators - [http://www.brainpop.com/educators/community/games-main/](http://www.brainpop.com/educators/community/games-main/).

![Games](image2)


6) **FYI** – Students can learn more additional facts and view resources related to a topic.
   a. Examples - quirky stuff, current events questions, graphs and stats, in-depth investigation, and more.
Troubleshooting

- **Change or reset a student’s password**
  In *My BrainPOP*, select the appropriate class tab, then click on the **Class Management** button. Clicking on the **Edit** icon next to the student’s name will give you the option of changing the username and password. *You’ll have to let the student know that you’ve made the change; there is no automatic notification system.*

- **Closed captioning**
  Turn on closed captioning for any video by clicking on the **CC** icon located in the video player settings. Click again to turn off closed captioning.

- **Full Screen**
  View a video in full screen mode by clicking on the 4-way arrow icon in the video player settings.