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PreK to Grade 3 in Minnesota

“American public policy has to shift to acknowledge that the core skills needed for success in life are formed before children enter school.”
- James Heckman, Nobel Prize-winning economist

PURPOSE OF THIS WIKI

1. To serve as a platform for a PreK to Grade 3 Knowledge-Building Community in Minnesota.
2. To help connect the early childhood community, K-12 system, and those who provide support to programs that serve children and families before birth and up through Grade 3.
3. To provide a common space for sharing, collaborating, and learning about PreK to Grade 3.
4. To enable participants to actively engage in a statewide Professional Learning Community.

WHAT IS A WIKI?

Click here for a YouTube video demonstrating wiki software/tool.

HOW TO USE THIS SITE

By definition, a wiki is a website that allows the creation and editing of any number of interlinked web pages via a web browser using a simplified markup language. Early childhood professionals from a variety of programs/services are able to create and edit information in their areas of interest or expertise. For instance, if you have a link, resource or best practice that you would like to share with colleagues, you can add the information to this site. Some organizations especially relevant to early childhood administrators are listed on the top tool bar. The left side tool bar contains links to topic-specific areas of interest.

In order to edit this wiki, you must log in. To create an account, click here.
For instructions on Getting Started, click here - PowerPoint document.
Regional Networking Groups

NORTHEAST

NORTH CENTRAL

NORTHWEST

WEST CENTRAL

CENTRAL

SOUTHEAST

SOUTH CENTRAL

SOUTHWEST

METRO & SURROUNDING AREA

- EAST METRO
- NORTHWEST METRO
- WEST METRO
- WEST METRO II
- EAST CENTRAL
- SOUTH OF THE RIVER
- WEST METRO SCHOOL READINESS
- NORTHEAST METRO SCHOOL READINESS
Click on “Edit”
This looks like a Word document, but it needs a mark up language or code. Fortunately, Wikidot tools/software adds that for us.
Here, I typed NORTHEAST and then highlighted it. I placed the cursor over H1 and the H1 to H6 options appeared. I selected H5 and it automatically added the 5 +

For EAST METRO, I highlighted it and clicked on Bulleted List.
As you can see, the first two paragraphs of this page is information I just typed in. There are two new things on the Budgeting page: Files and Links.
Links are easy. Just highlight the text you want to be linked and then click the URL link button.

Budgeting is the central means of creating the road map for a program year; any organization and should be done annually with goal setting and objectives, parameters, is essential to effectively and efficiently managing Early Childhood Education.

The coordinator is responsible for developing a budget that is fiscally responsible and accountable. This means that the coordinator should be actively involved in the budgeting process, i.e., the district, state and federal level. Budgeting helps ensure compliance with these procedures and state and/or federal statutes. Budgeting is a straightforward activity that should be done annually to create and manage an effective program budget.

The **Minnesota Department of Education (MDE)*** compiles and maintains school district data, Education, Early Childhood Family Education, and School Readiness programs. Click here for the Program Finance page on the MDE website for information.

This is what it adds (the web address and the brackets). Now you just add the correct URL link, usually by just copying and pasting from the website.

To add a file, click on “Files”

This is what appears

Click on “Upload a file from your computer”
From there, click on “Select Files”

Select and upload desired file
Uploading Files

Users can find files by clicking on the Files button or we can add links in the text. Below is an example of what the code looks like if we want to link our uploaded file.

[[file ECFE Guide - Chapter 9.doc | Click here for Chapter 9 (Budgeting) of the ECFE Implementation Guide]]

- The green text is the exact name of the file we uploaded (I usually just copy and paste the name from the Files list).
- The red text is what we want displayed and linked (what the user clicks on in order to retrieve the file)
- The black text is the code we have to add to make it work.
Numerous Possibilities

Clicking on “Help” brings you to this page:

Wikidot Documentation & Help pages

Documentation pages
- Wiki syntax — the language you use to write Wikidot pages
- Quick reference — a summary of the most useful pieces
- Modules — the additional pieces you can plug into your pages
- Data forms — creating simple applications with Wikidot
- Embedding other services — photos, videos, etc.
- Templates — per-category structure for your pages
- Searching — looking for pages in your sites or globally
- Site structure — how each of the sites is organized
- Users — Managing users and permissions
- Layout reference — for CSS theme designers
- Thumbnails — the automatic thumbnail service
- Video Tutorials
- Advertising — revenue from your high-traffic sites
- Wikidot API — external application interface (alpha)

FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)
- Upgrades and Plans
- User accounts
- Site features and managing sites
- Private sites
- Editing pages
- Watching changes
- Technical

Howtos
- How to set up forum? Step-by-step guide
- How to Make a Successful Site?
- Site statistics — visitors tracking, hit counters etc.
- URLs for each page in Site Manager and My Account

Howtos are available from the Community Site.

Code examples
A growing collection of code and solutions is available at snippets.wikidot.com.