

**FREE Web APPs, For Schools**  
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Charter School Tools presents Web APPs, tips from Rich Mincer, ed tech consultant and former chief of technology in Idaho. Rich also served as Chief Technology Officer for one of the largest networks of charter schools in the country, Friendship Public Charter School in Washington, DC. If your school would like information about a specific product mentioned in this article, or a consultation with Mr. Mincer, email us at [info@charterschooltools.org](mailto:info@charterschooltools.org).

<b>Office Productivity</b>
Free office productivity apps: Google Docs and Open Office.
<b>Don't Print</b>
Don't print! Have students do as much as they can online.
<b>Web sites</b>
Use Web sites, email, and blogs instead of paper for communication.
<b>Evernote</b>
Take notes using this tool. No paper needed.
<b>Who needs textbooks?</b>
Use Web sites and online textbooks like <a href="http://www.physicsclassroom.com">www.physicsclassroom.com</a> , which are more current, instead.
<b>Engrade</b>
Free online grade book for teachers. List all your classes here; students are given access codes so they can see their grades anytime they want.
<b>Free Professional Development</b>
Use your personal learning network for free advice, tips, and resources. There are also plenty of free Webinars and virtual conferences.
<b>Sugarsync</b>
This online system backs up your files and allows you to access them from any Web-enabled computer or smart phone. A free two gigabyte account is available. The program even keeps your files in sync among many computers.
<b>Free Educational Technology Magazines</b>
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