

# Useful Parent Resources & Information to Help You Help Your Children Succeed

## **Data & Communication Tools**

1. Powerschool – A web-based student information system that allows parents to access vital information about their children’s grades and attendance quickly and accurately. <https://cumberland.powerschool.com/public/home.html>
2. Edmodo – A social networking site specially designed for communication between teachers and students. <https://www.edmodo.com/>

## **Educational Sites**

3. Khan Academy – “A not-for-profit with the goal of changing education for the better by providing a free world-class education for anyone anywhere. All of the site's resources are available to anyone. It doesn't matter if you are a student, teacher, home-schooler, principal, adult returning to the classroom after 20 years, or a friendly alien just trying to get a leg up in earthly biology. Khan Academy's materials and resources are available to you completely free of charge.” <https://www.khanacademy.org/>
4. LearnZillion.com – “Offers a free and growing set of Math and English Language resources for grades 2-12 that have been developed by expert teachers directly from the Common Core.” <https://learnzillion.com/>
5. Middleschool.net – “Quality, free, and professional resources for the entire curriculum. Browse vast categories, look up a lesson, take a quiz, or do some research.” <http://www.middleschool.net/>
6. PowerMyLearning – “A free K-12 platform to personalize instruction and inspire student-driven learning. Choose from thousands of curated activities and playlists or add your own.” <http://powermylearning.org/>
7. StraightAce eLearning System – Provides supplementary learning material for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Math and ELA. With a comprehensive library of topics, StraightAce helps you manage homework assignments, practice quizzes, extra credit problems, and more.” <https://www.straightace.com/>
8. TenMarks Education, Inc. – “Provides personalized online math practice and enrichment programs for first through twelfth graders using a structured approach of practice, on-demand hints, video lessons and real-time results.” <http://www.tenmarks.com/>

9. Softschools.com – “Provides free math worksheets, free math games, grammar quizzes and free phonics worksheets and games. Worksheets and games are organized by grade levels and topics.” <http://www.softschools.com/>
10. Freemathworksheets.net – “Generates multiple kinds of worksheets for your student. Choose from Basic Math, Pre-Algebra, Sudoku, Word Searches, Word Scrambles and more. All worksheets may be printed and reproduced for classroom/students.” <http://www.freemathworksheets.net/>
11. Flocabulary – “An online library of educational hip-hop songs, educational raps and videos for grades K-12. Covers Language Arts, Science, Math, Social Studies and more.” <http://www.flocabulary.com/>
12. Vocabulary.co.il – “A leading vocabulary website worldwide with the best flash online word games. It is dedicated to helping you build reading, phonics, or English language skills.” <http://www.vocabulary.co.il/>
13. Edheads – “An online educational resource that provides free science and math games and activities that promote critical thinking skills.” This site offers simulations of various activities. <http://www.edheads.org/>
14. Light Up Your Brain – “Brainteaser games and audio stories that help students hone their problem-solving, reading, color-matching, math, and fine motor skills.” <http://lightupyourbrain.com/>
15. Fun Brain – Focuses on improving math and reading skills. Funbrain features books and comics as well as arcades filled with interactive games. <http://www.funbrain.com/>
16. Fact Monster – “Combines reference materials, facts, and trivia quizzes for kids on all subjects. Parents, educators, and kids can get homework help and access almanacs, an encyclopedia, a dictionary, and an atlas. <http://www.factmonster.com/>
17. Game Classroom – Contains “compiled games, lessons, videos, and worksheets from a variety of reputable sites. The site also offers helpful articles and newsletters to keep parents informed.” <http://www.gameclassroom.com/>
18. Internet4classrooms.com – Has lessons, videos, online practice, and worksheets for Kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. The site also offers links to other resources to help keep parents informed.” <http://www.internet4classrooms.com/>

## **To Access Department of Instruction (DPI)** **EOG Practice Passages**

The following are instructions to access released EOG passages and questions. These passages can be used for practicing for the EOG at home.

1. Navigate to the web site <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability>.
2. Click on “State Tests” on the left-hand side of the screen.
3. Click on “North Carolina End-of Grade Tests, Grades 3-8.”
4. Choose one of the following options:  
North Carolina End-of-Grade–Reading Comprehension Tests (Grades 3–8) OR  
North Carolina End-of-Grade Mathematics Tests (3-8) OR  
North Carolina End-of-Grade Tests of Science (3-8).
5. Click on “Released Forms” on the left-hand side of the screen.
6. Using the second and third chart, choose the subject, grade level, and the way you choose to view the material.