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Considerations
for Choosing a Great

LMS

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INTRODUCTION

A Common Educational Challenge

How many different technologies do you use each day? Chances are you use more than you need. Educational faculty and staff often have one tool for content curation, one for communication, one for professional development, and so on.

Imagine the time and effort you'd save if you just had everything you needed in one place.

Well now you can.

Meet Schoology /skoo-luh-jee/

Schoology is a learning management system (LMS) with all the tools you need for teaching and learning in one easy-to-use platform. In other words, it's a great tool for creating lessons, grading student work, and tracking student progress.

But teaching and learning doesn't stop when the bell rings, nor is it limited only to students and their instructors. Schoology is the only LMS that also connects everyone across an institution on one network.

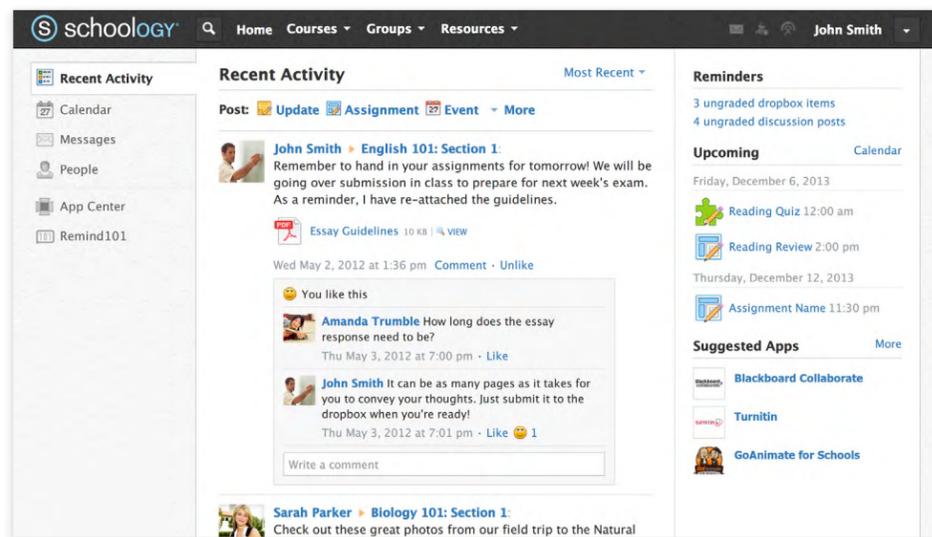
Students and faculty can continue discussions after class, ask questions any time, communicate instantly, share with each other, and much more.

This is why Schoology is the world's leading learning management system, and why all the others are trying to catch up.

In this short ebook, you get a birds-eye view of seven Schoology features that have raised the bar on what you should expect from an LMS.

An Activity Dashboard with All You Need to Know

Schoology has an activity dashboard that provides quick access to important events and conversations, so you have all the relevant information you need to be effective at your fingertips. Think of it like a control center that's tailored to your educational responsibilities and interests. It keeps you informed and on the same page as everyone else in your network.



Work Smarter, Not Harder

The activity dashboard keeps busy students, educators, administrators, parents, and advisors organized and up to date on all their courses and groups without overcrowding their inboxes.

It even provides them with direct access to all their updates, notifications, upcoming quizzes, ungraded assignments, and more in a quickly digestible format.

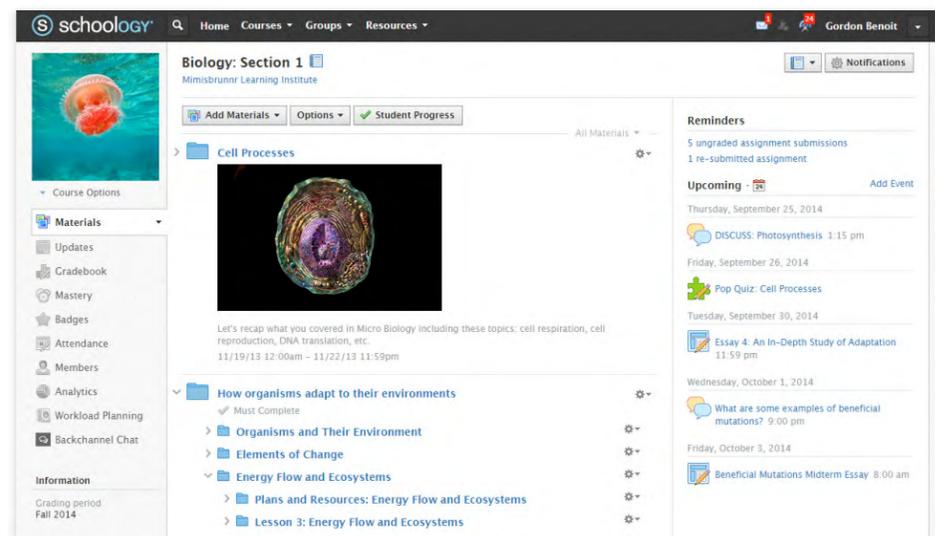
Easily communicate with multiple members of courses and groups at once, organize all your due dates and events from one calendar, and simply stay on top of everything with minimal effort.

Schoology's Activity Dashboard in Action

The principal sends a schoolwide update about a severe weather warning then quickly reschedules her appointments on her calendar, all from one place.

Easy-to-Use and Flexible Course Tools

Schoology has flexible online tools to help you manage your classroom effectively. Engage students in media-rich lessons, communicate instantly, assess student performance against learning objectives, and grade their work more efficiently on any device.



Maximize the Impact of Teaching and Learning

Schoology's instructional tools help you maximize the potential of your time and content. They keep you organized, simplify your workflows, and enable complete pedagogical flexibility.

From mastery learning to self-paced differentiated instruction, Schoology makes it easier to implement any learning model successfully and meet every student where they are in their learning.

Schoology's Course Tools in Action

A math teacher utilizes a self-paced learning model. Her students are automatically guided through a series of lessons and quizzes. The teacher tracks their progress and provides instant, personalized feedback along the way.

“ We didn't want a system that required extensive training. With Schoology, students and teachers could both start using it immediately without training. ”

Ann Dunkin
Director of Technology
Palo Alto Unified School District, CA

All Your Resources at Your Fingertips

Schoology's resource repository is a content hub that consolidates all your resources, including third-party tools—e.g., Google Drive, Microsoft OneDrive, and Evernote—into one easy-to-use library.

Every course you teach is connected to the same resource repository. Why? Because it simplifies the process of building and managing instructional content across multiple courses and sections.

Use Any Content in Schoology Including:

Videos, files, and links
Google Drive
Microsoft OneDrive
Evernote
Dropbox

LTI Compliant Content
Prezi
SCORM packages
YouTube
Common Cartridge Content

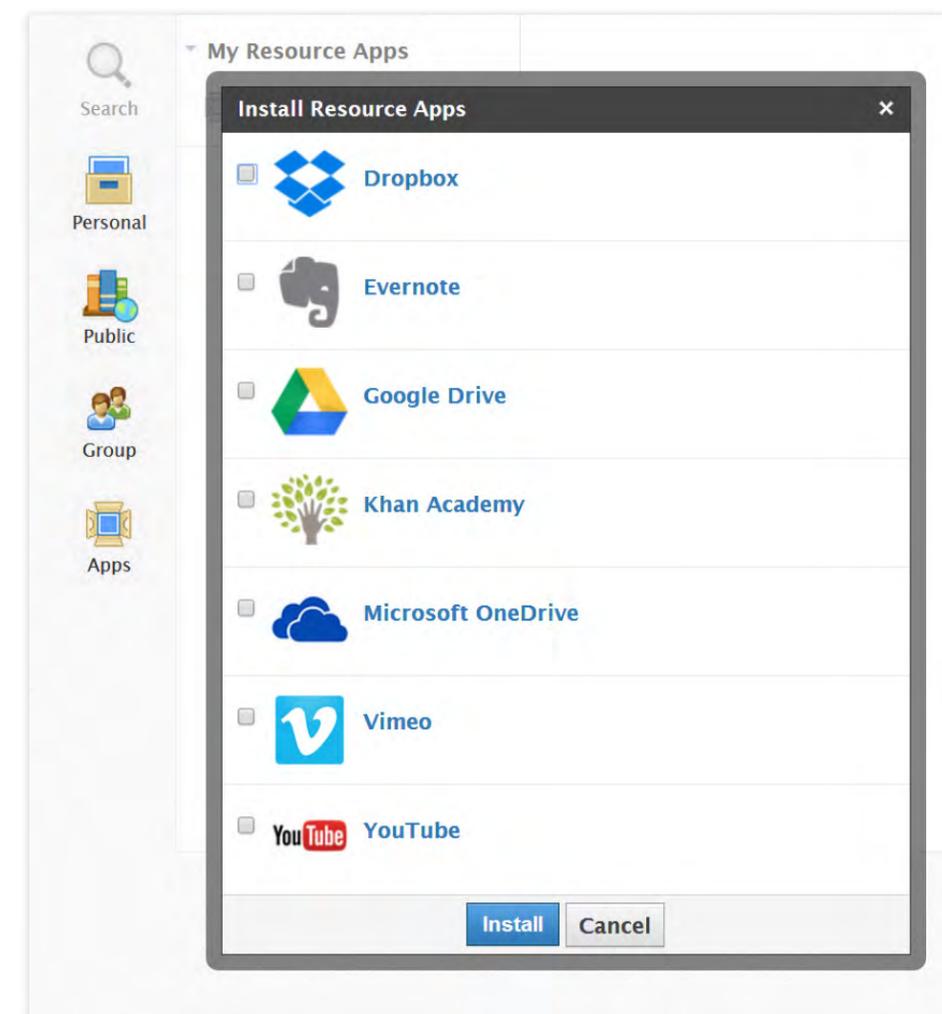
Schoology's Resource Repository in Action

The Science Department shares test questions, assignments, and experiment ideas in a group repository that can be added to course lessons instantly.

Manage Content More Easily than Ever Before

Schoology's resource repository simplifies content management and saves you time. With your personal, public, shared, and integrated third-party resources combined all in one library, designing lessons and collaborating with peers is a cinch.

Import and use your existing content. Build multiple courses and sections at once. Share resources instantly. Utilize the best public resources made by educators all around the world. When everything you need is at your fingertips, there's no limit to what you can do.



Simple Communication, Collaboration, and Sharing

Schoology's groups are collaborative spaces that make communication and sharing between peers easy on any device. They are separate from courses and are designed to help users connect with each other and work together as a community.

How Groups are Being Used by Clients

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| Professional development | Sports team communication |
| Departmental curriculum sharing | Internal IT support system |
| New teacher training | Study groups |
| Parent outreach | Book clubs |
| Scholarship and grant awareness | + Many other applications |

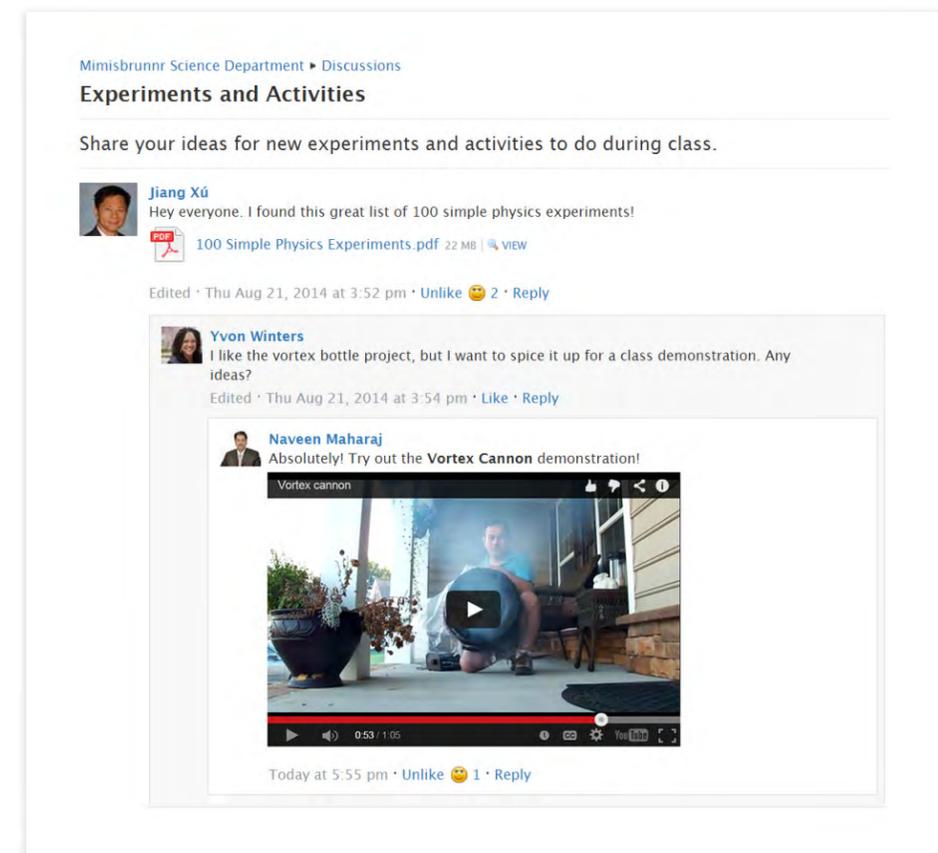
Schoology's Groups in Action

Principals across a district enroll all new teachers into a single group to help them get acclimated, ensure consistent training, and encourage collaboration.

Start Thinking Beyond the Classroom

Schoology's groups provide institutions with countless benefits both in the classroom and beyond. From ensuring that all members have access to the same resources to empowering faculty to work together, our collaborative groups can help transform any institution into an active learning community.

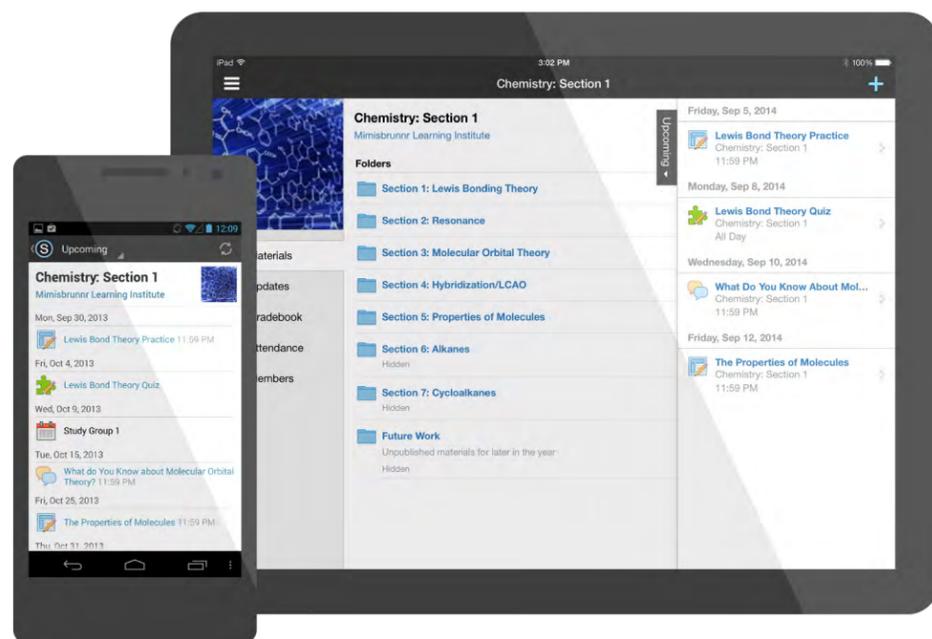
Groups simplify both curricular and extracurricular activities with easy-to-use features, including messaging, updates and notifications, calendars, and even a shared resource library.



Science teachers easily sharing resources for physics experiments.

The Best Mobile App. Period.

Schoology's free mobile app enables rich learning experiences on any device. In fact, it has everything students and educators need to teach, learn, grade, assess, and communicate in one app.



Use Just One App for Teaching and Learning

With Schoology's mobile app, institutions can support any mobile learning initiative successfully—e.g., mixed-device, 1:1, and BYOD. Students and educators can have rich learning experiences anytime, anywhere with one free and easy-to-use app.

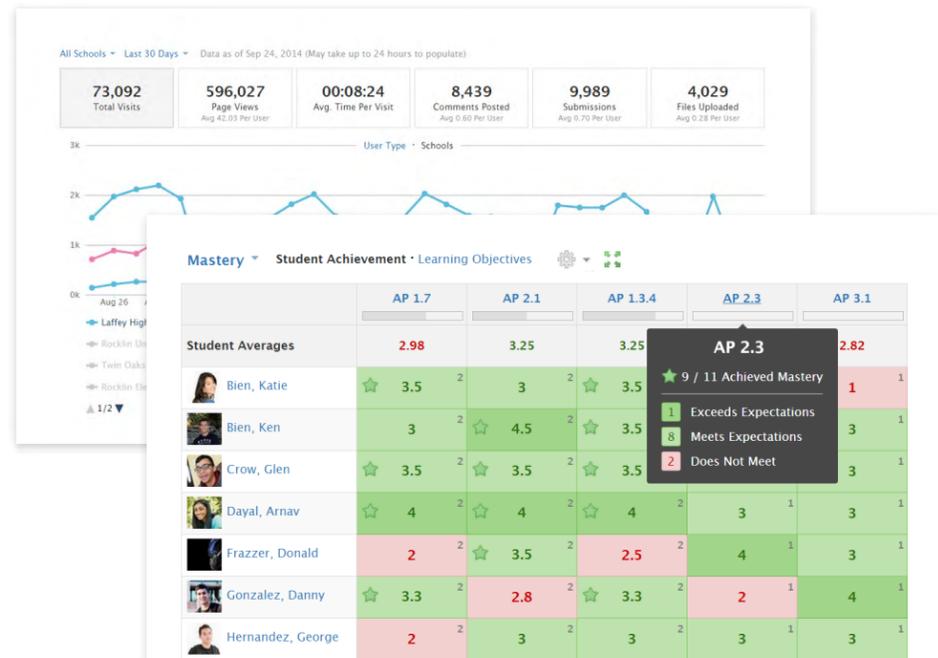
Post assignments, grade and annotate student submissions, give online tests, conduct discussions, send updates, share resources, and even utilize third-party apps seamlessly from your mobile device.

Schoology's Mobile App in Action

Using Schoology's mobile app to support a districtwide BYOD program, the superintendent is confident that each student will share quality learning experiences, regardless of the device they use.

Your Fast Track to Insights

Schoology's analytics and performance tracking help you discover deeper insights and make well-informed decisions fast. This engagement and standards-based achievement data is viewable on an individual, course, school, and institutional level.



Increase the Impact of Any Initiative

Schoology helps you make well-informed decisions by assembling your institution's data into an easily digestible format. With the ability to better understand student engagement and performance on varying standards-aligned data points, you can increase the impact of any initiative.

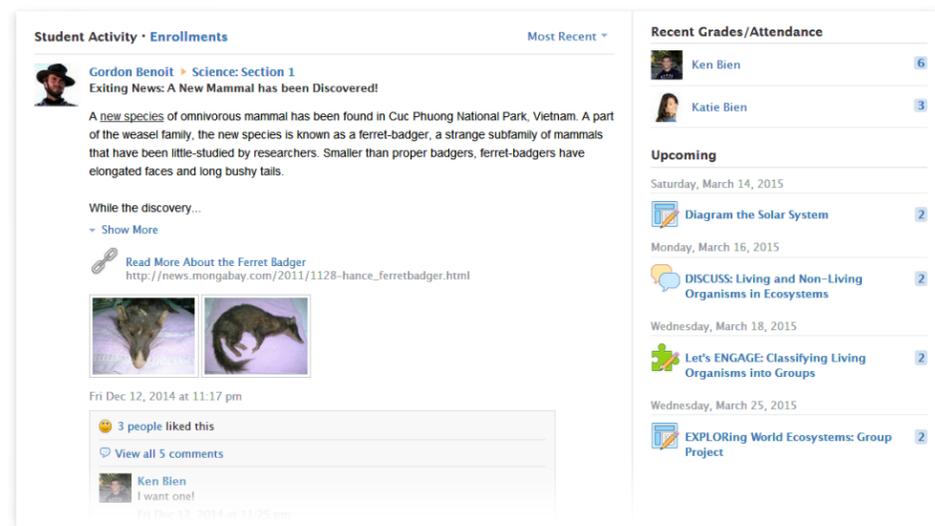
Whatever your institutional goals are, Schoology has the tools you need to make them a reality.

Schoology's Analytics in Action

After checking her class's student mastery report, a math teacher quickly intervenes to help five struggling students master the lesson on fractions.

A Better Way to Engage Parents and Advisors

Schoology's portal for parents and advisors enables them to be active participants in everyday learning. Parent and advisor profiles are linked to particular student profiles, allowing them to monitor daily student activity, achievement, and more.



A parent viewing the activity, homework due dates, and grades of her two children at once.

Increase Support for Parents and Advisors

Schoology's parent and advisor portal is the most comprehensive way to ensure students have an effective support system both in and out of the classroom. Schoology makes it easy to monitor multiple students at once, message instructors, view grades and attendance, and even observe live courses.

Parents and advisors can play a more active role in the learning process, elevating the conversations beyond "What did you do today?" to "Let's talk about the results of your photosynthesis experiment."

The Parent/Advisor Portal in Action

The district enrolls all parents in a group to provide them with important resources that keep them informed and encourage ongoing engagement.

“ Schoology is a necessary part of the students' school program today. Parents have a wonderful way of staying connected to what is happening in their children's classroom each day. It is also a convenient way for parents to keep in touch with each teacher. We are all just a click away! ”

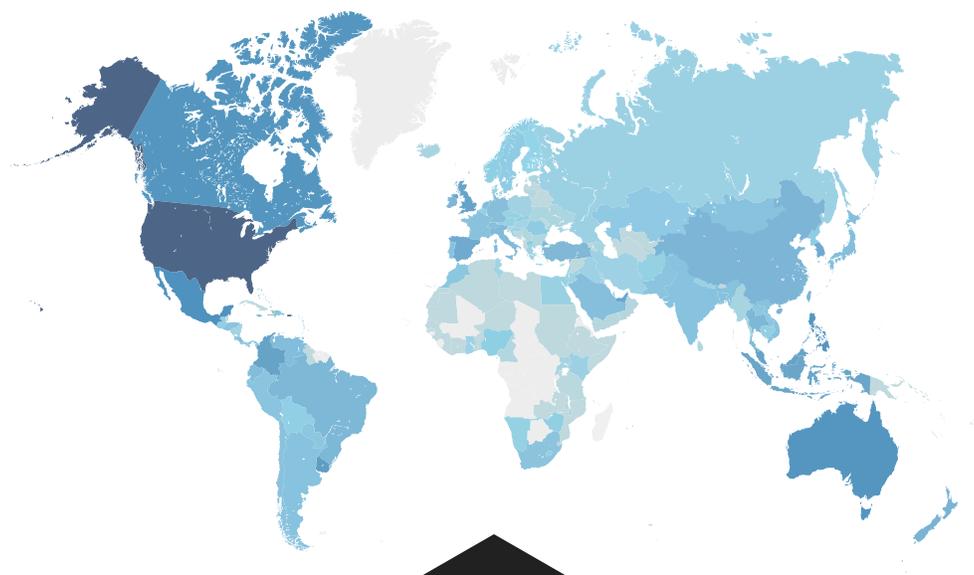
Carol Hultman

Science Teacher

Central Middle School, White Bear Lake, MN

Plug into Our Global Learning Community

When taken together, the seven features of Schoology described in this ebook provide you with a window into Schoology's LMS. But it is much more than a platform. Schoology is a true global community.



Stronger Together

A whole state, an entire country, and 60,000 other institutions across 200 countries worldwide use Schoology (as of year end 2014).

Schoology simplifies the lives of millions of students, faculty, and educational staff all around the world. But more than that, it enables you to plug into the global community to collaborate and share like never before.

Learn more about how Schoology can transform your institution by reaching out to us at [schoology.com/learn](https://www.schoology.com/learn)