

# THE ESSENTIAL #EDCHAT RESOURCE GUIDE



USE THE  
PROVIDED LINKS  
FOR FURTHER  
#EDCHAT  
EXPLORATION.

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## WHO MODERATES, PLANS & ARCHIVES #EDCHAT?

The [#Edchat team](#) consists of:

[Steven Anderson](#)  
[Shelly Terrell](#)  
[Tom Whitby](#)  
[Kyle Pace](#)  
[Jerry Blumengarten](#)  
[Nancy Blair](#)  
[Mark Weston](#)  
[William Chamberlain](#)  
[Jerry Swiatek](#)  
[Steve Johnson](#)

(If we missed you, please let us know [@USCTeacher](#).)

## WHAT IS #EDCHAT?

#Edchat is a [hashtag, a movement](#)—it is a weekly organized Twitter discussion of educators and people interested in education that meet virtually from all over the world. #Edchat serves as a conversation thread on Twitter and is also used for organized weekly discussions.

- [Cybrary Man's #Edchat page](#) by #Edchat team member [Jerry Blumengarten](#)
- [What is #Edchat?](#) by #Edchat co-founder [Shelly Terrell](#)
- [#Edchat Revisited](#) by #Edchat co-founder [Tom Whitby](#)

## HOW DID #EDCHAT START?

#Edchat started with a simple question: How can educators keep up with education-related discussions on Twitter? Seasoned education professionals [Shelly Terrell](#), [Tom Whitby](#) and [Steven Anderson](#) [founded #Edchat on July 30, 2009](#) and began weekly organized Twitter chats in which each participant uses the hashtag #Edchat to follow the discussion. Every Monday participants vote on the discussion topics. The highest vote is the main chat topic, and the second highest vote is the noon topic.

- [A Brief History of #Edchat](#) by #Edchat co-founder [Steven Anderson](#)
- [#Edchat: Join the Conversation](#) by #Edchat co-founder [Shelly Terrell](#)

## WHEN IS #EDCHAT?

Moderated #Edchat discussions happen every Tuesday at 7p.m. EDT. There is also a 12p.m. EDT chat for people that cannot attend the afternoon chat and for international participants. The hashtag is also used throughout the week to alert others about education-related topics, articles and resources.

- [Complete #Edchat Archives](#) by #Edchat archivist [Jerry Swiatek](#)
- [#Edchat Radio](#) by #Edchat co-founder [Tom Whitby](#), #Edchat team and #Edchat participants

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN #EDCHAT?

Anyone can participate in #Edchat by using the hashtag #Edchat in each tweet. There are over [250 education-related Twitter discussions](#) that also happen weekly and are more focused on one particular topic, such as social studies teacher chat ([#sschat](#)) or new teachers chat ([#NTchat](#)).

- [Official Weekly Education Twitter Chats List](#) compiled by [@thomasmurray](#), [@cevans5095](#) and [@cybraryman1](#)
- [Some More Twitter Chats Worth Checking Out](#) by #Edchat co-founder [Steven Anderson](#)

## PRO TIPS

Use a service like [TweetDeck](#) to follow the discussion. You can set up different columns for each hashtag and choose when to jump into a conversation.

Don't try to follow each tweet, but engage with people when you find something particularly interesting.

Share with your network. #Edchat is all about collaboration — take back what you have learned to your colleagues and your classroom.

Watch videos, read articles and ask the experts:

[#Edchat Tips](#) by [#Edchat](#)

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[#Edchat Why & How](#) by [#Edchat](#) co-founder [Tom Whitby](#)

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[Tweetdeck & Hashtag Guide](#) by [#Edchat](#) team member [Jerry Blumengarten](#)

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[Summer Learning Series: Twitter Chats for Learning](#) by [#Edchat](#) co-founder [Steven Anderson](#)

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[Hashtags, Twitter Chats and TweetDeck for Education](#) by [Sue Waters](#)

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[My First #Edchat](#) by [Michael Graffin](#)

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## HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE IN #EDCHAT?



[SEARCH #EDCHAT ON TWITTER.](#)



[JUMP INTO A CONVERSATION OR JOIN IN ON ONE OF THE ORGANIZED #EDCHAT DISCUSSIONS ON TUESDAYS.](#)

New to Twitter or Twitter chats? If so, it's important to read about #Edchat, look over the [#Edchat archives](#) and listen to [#Edchat Radio](#) first. Then, try the new teachers to Twitter chat ([#Nt2t](#)) on Saturdays 8–9a.m. CDT to practice participating in a Twitter chat. You can also find a [Twitter mentor](#) to help you out or participate with a friend or fellow teacher! Set up a time when you can both join in on a Twitter chat to practice together.

## WHAT CAN #EDCHAT DO FOR YOU?

- [Why Twitter Chats Matter](#) by [#Edchat](#) co-founder [Steven Anderson](#)
- [How Does #Edchat Connect Educators?](#) by [#Edchat](#) co-founder [Tom Whitby](#) on [SmartBrief Education](#)
- [New Teacher Chat](#) by [Lisa Dabbs](#)
- [Twitter for Professional Development](#) by [Dianne Krause](#)
- [Can Twitter Replace Traditional Professional Development?](#) by [The Hechinger Report](#)
- [Twitter-Supported Personal Learning Network to Individualize Professional Development](#) by [Dr. Will Deyampert](#)
- [Professional Development, on Your Time, Your Way](#) by [#Edchat](#) co-founder [Steven Anderson](#)
- [Twitter: The Best Professional Development Tool for Teachers](#) by [Edudemic](#)
- [Social Media's Impact on Professional Development](#) by [USC Rossier Online's Sarah Fudin](#)
- [Idea Paths: Wonderful #Edchat Example](#) by [Maureen Devlin](#)

## WHAT CAN TWITTER & #EDCHAT DO FOR YOUR STUDENTS?

- [7 Things I Learned from Teaching with Twitter](#) by [Natascha Chtena](#) on [Inside Higher Ed](#)
- [35 Interesting Ways to Use Twitter in the Classroom](#)
- [Twitter: Empowering Student Voices](#) by [Teach.com's Michelle Manno](#)
- [Twitter in Schools: A Guide to Getting Started](#) by [#Edchat](#) co-founder [Steven Anderson](#)
- [5 Teachers Using Twitter in their Classrooms Around the World](#) by [USC Rossier Online's Stephanie Echeveste](#)
- [Why \(And How\) Teachers and Students Should Backchannel](#) by [Edudemic](#)
- [Twitter in the Classroom: Engage Your Screenagers in 140 Characters or Less - ISTE 2014](#) by [Nick LaFave](#)
- [Tweeting Down the Classroom Walls](#) by [EdSurge](#)
- [Building Communities in the Classroom](#) by [Edutopia](#)
- [Do It From the Classroom](#) by [Paula White](#)
- [Social Networking Goes to Schools](#) by [Education Week's Digital Directions](#)

## WHAT CAN #EDCHAT DO FOR EDUCATION?

- [The A-Z Dictionary of Educational Twitter Hashtags](#) by [Edudemic](#)
- [Board the Bullet Train: The Culture of Connection](#) by #Edchat co-founder [Tom Whitby](#) on [EdSurge](#)
- [#Edchat: How Twitter and Social Media are Changing Education Reform](#) by [Teacher Tube](#)
- [Flipping... It's Not Just for the Classroom](#) by #Edchat co-founder [Steven Anderson](#)
- [It's Not About the Technology, It's About the Experiences](#) by #Edchat co-founder [Shelly Terrell](#) on [EdSurge](#)
- [Thinking About Redefining Professional Development](#) by #Edchat co-founder [Steven Anderson](#)
- [You Know You're a Connected Educator When...](#) by [EdSurge](#)
- [So... You Are Connected, Now What?](#) by #Edchat co-founder [Steven Anderson](#)
- [Can We Use Personal Learning Networks to Create Real Reform?](#) by [Edutopia](#)
- [How Twitter Tore Down My District's Walls](#) by [Pam Moran](#) on [EdSurge](#)
- [One Hashtag Helps Educators Change Their Schools](#) in [Center for Digital Education](#)

## MORE ON TWITTER & TWITTER CHATS

- [The Remarkable Power of Twitter: A Water Cooler for the 21st Century](#) by [Huffington Post](#) writer [Jeff Goldstein](#)
- [Chats: What Are They and Why Do We Need Them?](#) by #Edchat co-founder [Tom Whitby](#)
- [Twitter 101](#) and [Twitter 102](#) by [Josh Stumpfenhorst](#)
- [Twitter for Beginners](#) by [Kitty Tripp](#)
- [Twitter Resources](#) by #Edchat team member [Jerry Blumengarten](#)
- [Connect to the World Through Twitter](#) by #Edchat co-founder [Shelly Terrell](#)
- [Twitter for Teachers](#) by [USC Rossier School of Education](#)
- [A Beginner's Guide to Twitter for Teachers](#) by [Creative Education](#)
- [How to Be a Twitter Chat Champion](#) by [Heidi Cohen](#)
- [How Twitter Can Help with Professional Development](#) video
- [Cure What Ails You: A Dose of Twitter for Every Day](#) by [Kathy Schrock](#)
- [Wikispace Twitter Page](#) by [TechTools4Teaching](#)