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 7 p.m. EDT. There is also a 12 p.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 @thomascmurray, @cevans5095 and @cybraryman1
- Some More Twitter Chats Worth Checking Out by #Edchat co-founder Steven Anderson

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.)
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 Deyamport
- 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 TeacherTube
- 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 Stumpenhorst
- 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