

HOW DO I... FIND INFORMATION FOR MY FAMILY?

How do I track my child's progress in school?

Tool	Why Use It?	How to Use It
Infinite Campus (Boise Schools) https://campus.boiseschools.org/campus/portal/boise.jsp	Parents and students use it to access class schedules, assignments, attendance records, discipline information, course registration, report cards, and transcripts.	Get a Parent Portal account login by contacting your child's school.
Power School (Twin Falls Schools: http://powerschool.tfsd.k12.id.us/public/ Meridian Schools: https://ps.meridianschools.org/public/home.html	With a parent account, you can view the information to support your child's education.	Request a login by filling out the online form. Download a help sheet (PDF) or view an online tutorial: from the Meridian Schools website.

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How do I help my child with their homework?

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LearningExpress Library http://lili.org/dbs/db/119	Learning centers have practice tests, ebooks, and self-paced courses in math, science, writing, reading, and more. Learning centers are broken down by grade levels. For students preparing for college, you will find practice tests and study guides for SAT and ACT. Students preparing for the workplace will find practice tests for a variety of careers.	Select the Learning Center in the topic area or grade level (Elementary, Middle, High School, or College) for your student. Login Instructions (PDF)
Apangea Math www.apangea.com	Online tutoring covering topics from 4 th Grade Math up through Algebra and Geometry.	A login can be obtained by the school math teacher or counselor.
The Beehive – Homework Help http://www.thebeehive.org/school/k-12-students/homework-help	Find tips on helping your child with homework and creating learning space at home. Plus, find homework help tools organized by grade level and topic area.	
SCOUT http://scout.lili.org	Education videos for children covering Idaho, people & culture, science, nature, and more.	From the main page, browse the Scout Idaho Collection on the right. Or, use SCOUT Classroom Edition, which will require a free login after 3 videos.
LiLi.org - Kids http://www.lili.org/kids	KidSearch will find information on most topics appropriate to K-8 users. Searchasaurus will find information for K-3 users in the lowest grades. Also, browse magazines for kids.	Go to www.lili.org/kids . Free for Idaho residents. Enter your ZIP Code and request information to get access.
LiLi.org – World Book Web http://www.lili.org	An online Encyclopedia with sections for Kids (elementary levels) and Students (Middle and High School) or Advanced students.	Go to www.lili.org , Select the image for World Book Web at the bottom of the window. Free for Idaho residents. Enter your ZIP Code and request information to get access.

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How do I find health information?

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LiLi.org – Consumer Health Complete http://lili.org	Search medical reference books and articles by keyword. Search for information about a particular disease, ailment, or drug. Results may include helpful videos or diagrams.	Go to www.lili.org , Select the image for Consumer Health Complete at the bottom of the window. Free for Idaho residents. Enter your ZIP Code and request information to get access.
The Beehive – Health http://www.thebeehive.org/health	Information about paying for healthcare, finding a doctor, and healthy living along with other content to find answers to health-related questions.	
Medline Plus http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/	A free service for all, it has information about diseases and wellness information written in an easy-to-understand style. Includes videos and interactive tools to help learn more about conditions and procedures for treatment.	
The Beehive – Find a Doctor http://www.thebeehive.org/health/find-doctor	Tools to help you determine what kind of specialist you need, links to directories to find a doctor near you, and tips to help make your doctor visit go smoothly.	

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How do I manage personal finances?

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The Beehive – Money http://thebeehive.org/money	Tools and topics about managing money include information about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening a bank account • Taxes • Writing checks 	
GCF LearnFree http://gcflearnfree.org/money	Includes help and lessons on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using an ATM • Counting Change • Paying bills • Using postage stamps and their values 	
Budget Builder from University of Illinois http://engagement.illinois.edu/budgetbuilder	Designed for students, but useful for anyone, the tool helps you to build a budget for planning finances.	
How To Budget Your Money http://youtu.be/fl6xaeQ2ISQ	Video addressing one method for tracking money.	
Budget Worksheets http://budgetworksheets.org	Can be completed online or printed, budget worksheets let you enter your information. Includes templates for family budgeting, travel planning, pet costs, and one blank form you can customize for your needs.	
Wall Street Journal’s Guide to Personal Finance http://guides.wsj.com/person-finance	Provides answers to how-to questions about banking, credit, retirement, buying a car, buying a home, and managing money.	
The Beehive – How to Buy a House http://www.thebeehive.org/housing/how-buy	Learn about types of loans, navigating the mortgage process, and what to look out for during the process.	

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How do I Keep in Touch?

Tool	Why Use It?	How to Use It
Skype http://www.skype.com	Skype allows you to communicate with others via chat, voice, and video from computer to computer and even computer to phone.	Skype is a tool that requires it be downloaded and installed on your computer. Help video for downloading and setting it up at http://youtu.be/Fz9S6KkpUMw .
Facebook http://www.facebook.com	Facebook is a social networking site to connect with your friends, family, and individuals with similar interests. Users do not need to be online or at their computer at the same time to communicate with each other.	Facebook 101 tutorial available through GCF LearnFree at http://www.gcflearnfree.org/facebook101
Internet Public Library – Newspapers and Magazines http://www.ipl.org/div/news/	Find newspapers from all over the world linked to this one site.	

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How do I Use Community Resources?

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Boise Public Library http://boisepubliclibrary.org	<p>When visiting the library in person, you can take part in programs like story time, basic computer classes, and movie matinees. You may also check out library materials with a valid library card.</p> <p>Visit the library's website to see the events calendar and use the online resources from home.</p>	<p>To get a library card, fill out the application either online or in person. You must visit a library location in person to activate the card. Information to register for a card is at http://www.boisepubliclibrary.org/My_Account/howtoget.shtml.</p>
Twin Falls Public Library http://www.twinfallspubliclibrary.org	<p>When visiting the library in person, you can take part in programs like story time, basic computer classes, and movie matinees. You may also check out library materials with a valid library card.</p> <p>Visit the library's website to see the events calendar and use the online resources from home.</p>	<p>To get a library card, you must live within the city of Twin Falls and bring proof of residence to the library.</p> <p>Library FAQ www.twinfallspubliclibrary.org/faq.php</p>
Learn How to Use the Library by University of Minnesota Libraries. http://tutorial.lib.umn.edu/	<p>Tutorial covers the steps for doing research at the library.</p>	
ValleyRide in the Boise Area http://www.valleyride.org	<p>ValleyRide provides public transportation options in Ada and Canyon Counties. Local rides are typically \$1.00.</p>	<p>Click the tab for "Guides" to find how-to videos to help navigate the bus system.</p>
GCF LearnFree – Bus Map http://www.gcflearnfree.org/everydaylife/busmap	<p>Interactive tutorial to practice navigation skills using bus maps.</p>	