



ITRT TECH MINUTE

First of all, WELCOME BACK. This is going to be a wonderful year. On Monday, Sept 15, our tech team analyzed the Tech Survey you completed last year. We will share those results at a later date. We thought we would share a couple of professional development resources you might like to try. In the age of digital learning, we find that there are a few ways to learn while still in our jammies and with many other educators across the globe.



Educators on Twitter often discuss what's working in their classrooms and how they've addressed important issues – much like you might with your peers. You can start by following fellow Indians. Then, when you attend your conferences, you can find more educators you would like to be enlightened by simply by reading their posts. There are many groups we can follow to also help you get started:

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| #edchat | #elemchat |
| #sschat | #edscape |
| #kinderchat | #tlchat |
| #cpchat | #subject |
| #ntchat | #edcampKC |



You can start [here](#). Once you have taken the plunge, I can introduce you to many twitter users here at NCPS. Follow us @RHall_ITRT , @cybrarianliz, @MsHerrick_Math



An alternative to using Pinterest to find ideas for your classroom could also be using Instagram! I find that Pinterest has too much clicking involved that leads to nothing. There are a lot of teachers who show what activities they are doing in their classroom, and show what resources they are using from day to day. There are many hashtags you can follow, but here are some to help you get started:

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| #iteach | #iteachmath |
| #iteach678 | #iteachenglish |
| #teachersofig | #iteachhistory |
| #teachersfollowteachers | #iteachscience |

Feel free to experiment with words related to your content or grade level.

Once you get started, I can introduce you to various Instagram follows I enjoy following. You can follow me at @math.madness

While Facebook is known for its social content, many educators use it as a source for professional development and creative ideas. It is easy to share content; especially from other social media feeds (such as Twitter and Instagram).

A word of caution: separate your personal and professional lives on social media by creating PROFESSIONAL only accounts. Beware of “friending” students. If you are a “coach” or “sponsor”, you can have a public page to showcase your team provided the media permissions are signed by parents.



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