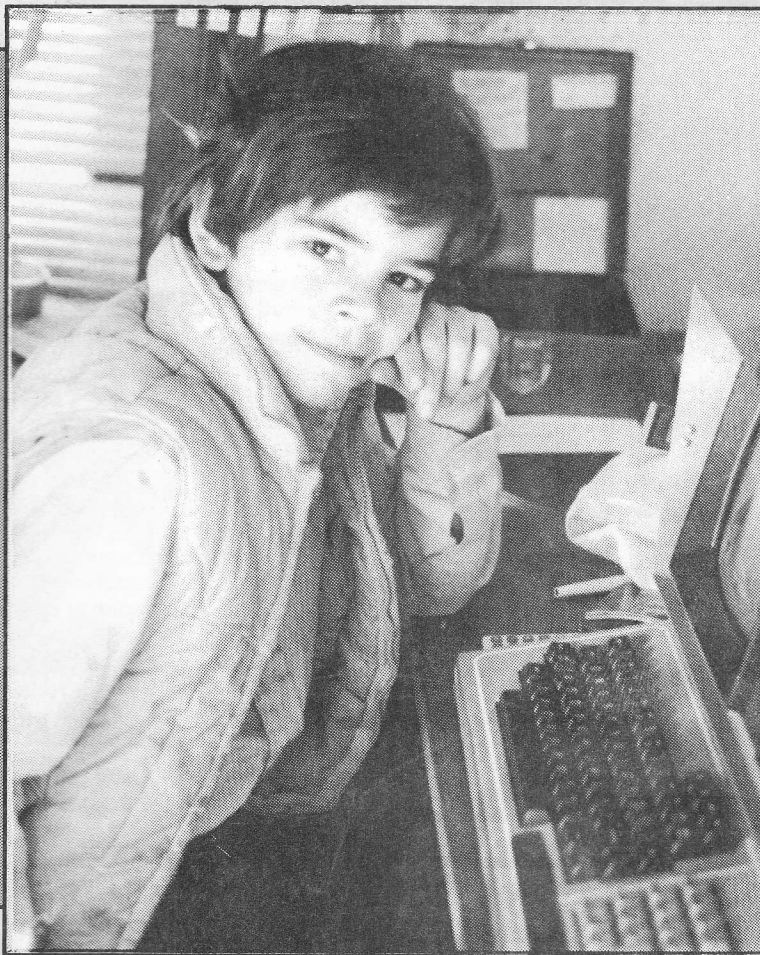


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What's On Line For Educators

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Service: National Geographic Kids Network

Description: A hands-on science curriculum for grades 4-6, also includes geography and social studies. It uses electronic mail to connect teachers, kids, and experts from around the U. S. and other countries to compare data, share expertise, and prepare joint reports.

Contact: Dorothy Perreca, Project Manager, National Geographic Kids Network, National Geographic, Washington, DC 20036. (202) 775-6580.

Service: FrEdMail (Free Education Mail)

Description: A low-cost, teacher-created, grass-roots network of 90 bulletin board across the U.S. (one in Canada). Each network bulletin board is used locally and contributes to the national network's two main conference groups: IDEAS and KIDWIRE, for teachers and students, respectively.

Contact: Al Rogers, 4021 Allen School Road, Bonita, CA 92002. CompuServe: 76167,3514.

Service: Interactive Communication Simulations (ICS)

Description: Role playing games for over 1,000 students at once through an enhanced Confer II computer conferencing network. Primarily for junior and senior high school social studies. Networked students from 11 countries assume roles in simulations such as the Arab-Israeli conflict or a U. S. Constitutional Convention.

Contact: ICS Staff, Univ. of Michigan, School of Education, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1259. (313) 763-6716. BITNET ID: USERGCEE@UMICHUB

Service: Einstein

Description: A data base searching simulation geared to teach teachers and high school students to perform online searches.

Contact: Einstein Customer Service, Educational Broadcasting Corp., Learning Link, 356 W. 58th St., New York, NY 10019. (202) 560-6613.

Service: MIX (McGraw-Hill Information Exchange)

Description: An international electronic mail and conferencing service featuring a broad range of services for K-12 teachers, students, and administrators. Supports student projects in most academic areas, teacher-to-teacher planning, conferences, and more.

Contact: Lynne Schrum, (503-345-8257), or Griff Wigley (507-645-9347), MIX, P. O. Box 382, Northfield, MN 55057. BITNET ID: LSCHRUM@OREGON; MIX ID: LSCHRUM or GWIGLEY

Service: Electronic Networking Association (ENA)

Description: Not an online service but an association, described as the 'Academy of Arts and Sciences' of the electronic online publishing and networking industry. It issues awards for outstanding service and innovation in the field, publishes Netweaver and more.

Contact: Ed Yarrish or Nan Hanahue, ENA, 2744 Washington St., Allentown, PA 18104. (215) 821-7777. Join ENA conference on Source or NWI.

Service: The Online Journal of Distance Education and Communication

Description: An international electronic journal focusing on developments in distance education worldwide. Available free to anyone with access to BITNET or associated networks (such as EARN in Europe, Janet in England, NetNorth in Canada), as well as other domestic networks.

Contact: Jason Ohler, Ed. Tech. Program Director, Univ. of Alaska Southeast, 11120 Glacier Highway, Juneau, AK 99801. (907) 463-5685. BITNET ID: JFJBO@ALASKA

Service: Pals Across the World

Description: An international writing project for third grade and up that matches up classrooms in different countries to exchange electronic mail for many activities, such as poetry writing, electronic journalism, dialogue on social issues, and script writing.

Contact: Jim Irwin, 4974 SW Galen, Lake Oswego, OR 97035. (503) 697-4080 or 635-0338. Applelink ID: K0591; Dialcom ID: WEW001.

Service: Long Distance Learning Network

Description: An AT&T sponsored, international electronic cooperative education service, using 'learning circles' to organize activities in many subject areas, primary to secondary levels.

Contact: Margaret Riel, AT&T Long Distance Learning Network, P. O. Box 716, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920-0716. (619) 943-1314. AT&T ID: IMRIEL; CompuServe ID: 76004,1007.

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