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NetTrekker

What is NetTrekker?

NetTrekker is an **Internet search engine** especially designed for K-12 schools. It allows for targeted searches of online resources that have been evaluated for **educationally relevant content, aligned to state standards, reviewed by teachers for quality**, with options to **search by reading level, for related lesson plans and support materials, and much more.** **NetTrekker is accessible anywhere you have an internet connection!**

How do I access NetTrekker?

To access NetTrekker you need to first create an account.

- Go to www.nettrekker.com
- Click on the orange **Login** button (For the school:D.I.)
- Click on the **Register** link in the upper right corner
 - **NOTE:** The user name must be unique to NetTrekker (try using your Novell password, but you may need to add a few letters or numbers)
 - **USER NAMES and PASSWORDS are CASE SENSITIVE**
 - If you type a capital letter at the beginning of your username or password you must always type that letter as a capital!
- Enter all required information on the first page and click **Next**
- Choose **CA** from the list of states
- Enter the first word of your school's name in the given field and click **Search**
- Click on your school name in the list that NetTrekker displays and then click **Done**
- To complete your registration, click **Done** on the "Welcome to NetTrekker" page that appears

How do I learn about utilizing the features of NetTrekker?

NetTrekker has an extensive help section to guide you in using all of the available features!

Click on the **Help** link in the My Tools box.

- On the page displayed you will see several links on the right (Are you New to NetTrekker? What is New in NetTrekker?). These links take you to a collection of references outlining information on how NetTrekker evaluates websites, deals with internet safety and other "How does it...?" questions.
- Click on the black and yellow NetTrekker Help icon to access the full help menu.

What are some important things to view in the help menu?

NetTrekker provides both **video tutorials** and as well as **text based instructions** to help you to learn about its key features. Investing a little time reviewing these materials will help you get the most out of NetTrekker!

To access the **video tutorials**, locate the **Implementation Resources** section and choose **Free Online Training**. Each of the links in the four sections (Getting started, Searching, Special Features and English Learning Channel) takes you to a short video tutorial on that particular topic.

NOTE: These tutorials are QuickTime videos. If you need to install QuickTime or need to upgrade your version (You need a newer version if you hear sound, but don't see the video.), you should see an icon in your NAL window. Double click on the icon to install Quicktime.

Links in all of the other help sections (Search with NetTrekker d.i., NetTrekker d.i. features and tools, etc.) take you to text based informational pages on the topics listed.

Whether you prefer to read the information or view the videos, take a minute to review the following features...

Search Options	You may find searching options such as Keyword and Subject very familiar, but the Dynamic Timeline and Famous Person searches are unique in the way they structure results and well worth a look! In addition, searching by State Standards provides another great way to narrow the field to the most relevant results!
Special Features	The Dictionary Hot Key provides not only a definition, but the ability to translate the word in question to a variety of other languages. Saving a Search and Sharing Search Results are huge timesavers when reviewing resources or guiding student research.
English Learners Channel	Features such as Readability with English Learners , Dictionary Hot Key and Understanding the Search Results page can help you assist your EL students in getting the most out of NetTrekker!

Can my students access NetTrekker?

Yes! All students have access! Each site has a **generic student account** that all students on campus can use to access NetTrekker.

**Students DO NOT need to create individual accounts!
See your Site Technology Manager to find out the
student account for your site.**