

Nifty, Thrifty Website Tools

Website Creation and Editing: NHD Website Editor (<http://nhd.weebly.com/>): Students are ONLY allowed to use the NHD Website Editor to create and submit their websites.

Image Editing: Edit, crop and resize images.

- NHD Website Editor: The Editor has built-in basic editing tools
- FotoFlexer (<http://fotoflexer.com/>)
- Google+
- Adobe Photoshop Express Editor (<http://www.photoshop.com/tools>)
- Pixlr (<http://www.pixlr.com/>),

Virtual Interviews

- Skype (<http://www.skype.com>)
- Google Voice (www.google.com)

Audio Recording and Editing: Students can only upload MP3s as audio files into the NHD Website Editor. All files should be saved as or converted into this file format before uploading. The time limit for audio is 45 seconds. Students should edit the files to meet this requirement before uploading.

- Audacity (<http://audacity.sourceforge.net/>)

Video Downloader: Many students find videos online that they want to use in their site. Some places easily give users the option of downloading the video. For others, you can use a third-party application to capture the video and audio.

- KeepVid (<http://keepvid.com/>): Supports YouTube, DailyMotion, Google Video, Megavideo, Metacafe and Vimeo. Site is misleading – you don't have to download. Just paste link into field on top of site and hit "download."

Video Editing: The NHD Website Editor supports M4V, MPG, MOV, WMV, AVI and most other standard video formats as video uploads. All files should be saved as or converted into this file format before uploading to the NHD Website Editor. Students should edit their video files to 45 seconds or less before uploading to the NHD Website Editor.

- iMovie or Windows MovieMaker: These programs come standard on Macs and PCs respectively.

Converting Files: The NHD Website Editor only supports certain types of file formats, which means you may have to convert files before uploading

- Online Convert (<http://www.online-convert.com/>): Will let you convert images, audio, video and more.

Fonts: There are many places online to find unique fonts – but using them in a website can be tricky. While unique fonts may display correctly on your computer – they will not display the same way on other computers. Unique fonts can also be challenging to read on a computer screen, making the experience frustrating for judges or viewers.

- The best way to use a unique font is to use it in a header as an image. If you have an image editing program on your computer, like Photoshop, open a file and use your unique text in an image (such as a title over a historical photo). Save the file and then upload it to the NHD Website Editor. Since the font is now saved as an image, it should display correctly.

Caution

This list is by no means an endorsement of the reliability, usability, or safety of any programs. Be sure to double check these sites with your district's IT manager and run any downloads through your anti-virus software.