

# Publishing a Weebly Website

## New Albany High School | English 10H

Dear Guardian,

For this academic school year, I am asking students in my English 10 Honors classes to create a free website through Weebly. This website is to be used for academic purposes only. In addition, the website will be utilized to begin digitally creating a compendium of written work in a digital space in an attempt to increase the integration of technological enhancement in the classroom.

Students are asked to create the website using their last name and “nahs” indicating New Albany High School. For example: fougroussenahs.weebly.com. By selecting a subdomain of the website, the website can be published and updated multiple times at no cost. If using the student’s last name is an issue, the student can change the website title to another school appropriate and professional title.

Students are signed into Weebly using their school email address (which they received with the iPad earlier this semester). Student email addresses are NOT accessible to the public through this website. However, content posted on the website is accessible (by default) to the public on the Internet once published. There is an option for students to block access to the website by using a password for viewing access to each page. In addition, websites can be deleted after this academic school year if a student so desires. However, it is my hope that the website will be a collection of exemplary work and a resource for students upon entrance into college.

Students do NOT have to disclose personal information on the website. They can create and use a pseudonym or a nom-de-plume in their writing. I believe privacy is an important option and I want to make sure that the option to limit viewership is a choice.

Students will be held responsible for any inappropriate content posted on their website. Any additional website enhancers that cost extra will be expenses covered by the student. However, I do NOT expect or require any enhancers to the website. This should be a completely free process in terms of monetary concern. I expect levels of responsibility and cooperation as I guide each student in creating this professional digital space. I do hold the right to request a student to remove specific content and/or delete a website for inappropriate usage. In that scenario, an alternative and extensive project will be assigned to compensate for the grade.

Each student created a Weebly account at this point and began constructing a website. However, students have not been given permission to publish anything until this contract is signed and returned. This is my first time using websites in the classroom. Therefore, this cohort of students will determine whether or not I implement their use in the future. I have high hopes for this cohort of students in regards to critically thinking, employing creativity, and demonstrating their knowledge through the aid of technology. Instead of using social media sites, I wanted to use something that lends itself to more options for privacy and a divergent platform for professionalism. Please let me know if you have any concerns or further questions.

Sincerely,

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I have read this letter, discussed the expectations with my son or daughter, and give permission to carry forth publication of the website.

Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_