

FusionTools

My Multimedia Blog- Add a Blog Entry

The Multimedia Blog link within FusionTools is available to all Faculty/Staff users who have activated their FusionTools profile, and contains Blogs, Photo Slideshows, Videos, Podcasts, Wikis, and more.

What is a Multimedia Blog?

SchoolFusion has taken the traditional elements of a blog, a Video and Podcasting system, a photo album and Wikis, and combined them into one location. Users will be able to read and comment on a teacher's blog postings, podcasts & videos, and photo albums from one page.

The Multimedia Blog page shows all the various posts in one location regardless of the posting type. From this page, a teacher will be able to add more posts, edit existing posts, administer future postings, and configure podcast feeds. Users will be able to comment on any blog post that the teacher allows through the systems student participation platform.

Students and parents will access can access a teachers Multimedia blog through the teachers Faculty/Staff Profile, through one of the teachers Fusion Pages, or through their personal Recent Activity

What is a Blog?

A blog is a shortened form of weblog or web log. A traditional blog is a page with a regular series of entries, describing events or posing questions, in many forms, written, auditory and visual.

Add a Blog Entry



FusionTools > My Multimedia Blog > Add Blog Entry

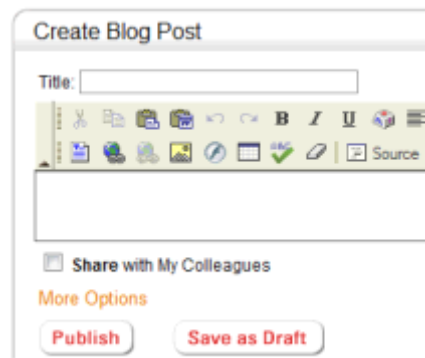


This is where teachers will write comments, questions, essays, observations, or any information that they would like to share with their students. Use the blog to disseminate information to your students, ask for opinions, or tell a story. Once you have posted a blog, any user will be able to comment, or add an observation to any other comment.

Please note that any images uploaded within the blog will be resized to 460 pixels wide to prevent the blog frame from displaying incorrectly.

Add information:

- a. Add a Title
- b. Add content



c. **Share with My Colleagues** – if checked, this option allows you to share this post with other teachers in your school, and even publish to the “Idea Exchange” library. See the Idea Exchange section for more information.

d. **More Options** - This link allows the blog owner to determine several options.

- a. Post Date & Time – With this option, a teacher can prepare their blog ahead of time. The Show Future Entries link from “View My Blog” allows the teacher to edit any of the upcoming posts. The blog will not appear until the specified date and time has been reached.
- b. Enable commenting - this allows users to comment on this post. Anonymous commenting- The default is “No”. Users are required to have a login to the organization to post to a blog. Changing this setting to yes allows anonymous users, who have not logged into the site, to post to the selected blog. This can also be set under the “Admin” link which appears after the blog has been published.
- c. Private Moderation - The default is “No”, allowing moderators across the district and SchoolFusion the ability to approve comments. This ensures the most rapid approval time. Setting this to “Yes” will only allow the blog owner to approve in this discussion. Please be cautious when using this option, and understand the full implication of this choice. You must be an active moderator in order for this option to be successful. If comments are not approved in a timely matter, the overall conversation will be stifled. This can also be set under the “Admin” link, which appears after the blog has been published.
- d. School wide participation- the default is “Yes”. Setting this to “No” limits the users who can participate to the members of the classrooms, student groups, or teams that are specified.

All users in the site will still be able to view the blog, but not participate. This can also be set under the "Admin" link, which appears after the blog has been published.

- i. Long Description- adds a longer description. This information will appear if a user uploads the podcast to a podcast player.
- ii. Image
- iii. iTunes Keywords
- iv. Authors Name
- v. Authors email address.

Designate which FusionPages (classrooms, departments, etc) will display this blog post

Click > Publish

Add Administrative Options



Click > Admin



Admin Options

- a. **Allow Further Discussion:** The default is "Yes". This allows the post owner to prevent comments from being added to the selected blog. Setting this to "No" would prevent users from adding to the blog.
- b. **Anonymous Discussion:** The default is "No". Users are required to have a login to the organization to post to a blog. Changing this setting to yes allows anonymous users, who have not logged into the site, to post to the selected blog.
- c. **Private Moderation:** The default is "No", allowing moderators across the district and SchoolFusion the ability to approve comments. This ensure the most rapid approval time. Setting this to "Yes" will only allow the blog owner to approve in this discussion. Please be cautious when using this option, and understand the full implication of this choice. You must be an active moderator in order for this option to be successful. If comments are not approved in a timely matter, the overall conversation will be stifled.
- d. **Highlight comment age:** The default is "No". Setting this to "Yes" will highlight comments within the blog, based on these ages:



- a. Within the last hour
 - b. Within the last 24 hours
 - c. Within the last 72 hours
 - d. Within the last week
 - e. Older than a week.
- e. School-wide Participation** -The default is "Yes". Setting this to "No" limits the users who can participate to the members of the classrooms, student groups, or teams, which were selected under "more options. All users in the site will still be able to view the blog, but not participate.

Delete a blog post:



Click > X icon



You will be asked to confirm the deletion before the posting is deleted. This will delete the blog post and all of the attached comments.