

A Teacher's Guide to . . . Diigo Educator Accounts

FAQ

Q: What are Diigo Educator Accounts?

These are special premium accounts provided specifically to K-12 & higher-ed educators. Once your Diigo Educator application is approved, your account will be upgraded to have these additional features:

- You can create student accounts for an entire class with just a few clicks (and student email addresses are optional for account creation)
- Students of the same class are automatically set up as a Diigo group so they can start using all the benefits that a Diigo group provides, such as group bookmarks and annotations, and group forums.
- Privacy settings of student accounts are pre-set so that only teachers and classmates can communicate with them.
- Ads presented to student account users are limited to education-related sponsors.

Q: What are student accounts?

Student accounts are Diigo accounts created by approved teachers through their Teacher Console. Note that accounts created through the normal sign-up process are NOT student accounts.

Student accounts have the following special settings to protect the privacy and safety of students.

- Classmates in the same class are automatically added as friends with one another to facilitate communication, but students cannot add anyone else as friends except through email.
- Students can only communicate with their friends and teachers. No one except their friends can send message, group invite, or write on their profile wall.
- Student profiles will not be indexed for People Search, nor made available to public search engines.

Q: Who is eligible for Diigo Educator Account upgrade?

The educator accounts are available exclusively for educational use and are restricted to K12 & higher-ed educators, administrators and education specialists.

Q: What if I wish to keep my own bookmarks (public) and friends list from my students?

While student accounts that you have created automatically become your friends to facility easier communication with your students, few educators have suggested that they would prefer to keep their personal / professional activities from their students. We will take these feedback into consideration for our next phase development.

Meanwhile, here is one simple solution that we would suggest:

Teacher can setup separate accounts - one is for their professional / personal usage, and one to be used for instruction with their students. That way, there is less concern of mingling these.

Q: Sounds great. How do I apply?

Go to www.diigo.com/education and fill out the application form

Q: Can I change my existing group to a class group?

Absolutely. Once you have been approved for the educator account upgrade, for any existing Diigo regular group that you wish to convert to a "class group", please follow these steps:

- 1) Go to the group's "**manage group**" >> "**group overview**". Under the "group details" section, click "**edit**"
- 2) Change the category to "Education - K12" and save the change.

That's it. The group will then become a "class group" where you can find it under your "Teacher Console"

Similarly, change the group category to something else will change the class group status and make it removed from your Teacher Console.

Q: What if my students have already registered for their own account and I want to have their accounts converted to student accounts?

No problem. Tell us their usernames, and we will be able to assist you in converting their status from a regular account to a student account.

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