

# BUYER'S **guide**

## Rubrics and Rubric Generators



Numerous Web sites offer directions for rubric design, effective administration, and analysis. Many are free for the downloading. Some sites, such as Technology, require a monthly membership fee to gain access to their collection of rubric generators, graphic organizers, and teacher-in-service materials. The Chicago Public Schools gathers and publishes rubrics on a specialized site to help teachers and schools gather data they need. Other sites, such as Discovery Education, are a clearinghouse of

rubrics and rubric-related information from across the United States.

The type of rubric to use depends on its relation to the outcome(s) to be measured, the dimensions of student performance to be captured, whether the rubric can be applied consistently by different scorers, whether it takes into account the age and developmental ability of the student, is free from bias, and is useful, feasible, and manageable. While they have their limitations, they offer a way to quantify learning for data collection purposes. They also

Vendor	URL	Cost
Chicago Public Schools	<a href="http://intranet.cps.k12.il.us/Assessments/Ideas_and_Rubrics/ideas_and_rubrics.html">http://intranet.cps.k12.il.us/Assessments/Ideas_and_Rubrics/ideas_and_rubrics.html</a>	Free
Discovery Education	<a href="http://school.discoveryeducation.com/schrockguide/assess.html">http://school.discoveryeducation.com/schrockguide/assess.html</a>	Free
iRubric	<a href="http://www.rcampus.com">http://www.rcampus.com</a>	Free
My Teacher Tools	<a href="http://www.myteachertools.com">http://www.myteachertools.com</a>	Free
Rubrician	<a href="http://www.rubrician.com">http://www.rubrician.com</a>	Free
Rubistar	<a href="http://rubistar.4teachers.org">http://rubistar.4teachers.org</a>	Free
Rubrics4teachers	<a href="http://www.rubrics4teachers.com">http://www.rubrics4teachers.com</a>	Free
Rubricator	<a href="http://www.rubrics.com">http://www.rubrics.com</a>	\$25
Technology	<a href="http://makeworksheets.com">http://makeworksheets.com</a>	\$29.99 for a one-year membership
Teacher Vision	<a href="http://www.teachervision.fen.com">http://www.teachervision.fen.com</a>	\$39.95 for a one-year subscription; free, 7-day trial membership available
University of Wisconsin, School of Education	<a href="http://www.uwstout.edu/soe/profdev/rubrics.shtml#rubricstips">http://www.uwstout.edu/soe/profdev/rubrics.shtml#rubricstips</a>	Free

offer a way to keep student, teacher, parent, and administrator on the same page, so to speak.

In addition to offering thousands of rubrics, both the Chicago Public Schools and TeacherVision sites offer numerous articles on how to create and use rubrics, with step-by-step instructions. The TeacherVision site carries numerous, five-part, serialized articles on topics such as: “The Advantage of Rubrics,” “Designing Rubrics to Fit Assignments,” “Student-Generated Rubrics,” “Analytic vs. Holistic Rubrics,” and “How to Weight Rubrics.” For

those new to rubric use, background information on the rationale and design of rubrics is a welcome addition. Similarly, the Rubrics4teachers site offers a 36-page booklet, “What Is a Rubric?” for guidance.

### Collaborative Assessment

It’s natural for teachers to share best practices and helpful tips, and the vast array of rubrics and rubric generators available online is evidence of that generosity. One site, however, offers a way for teachers to share the *process* of evaluation while employing one of the site’s

rubrics. iRubric, a division of Reazon Systems, Inc., offers online rubric generators that include an option for collaborative assessment. The online assessment tool allows the administrator to identify a group of people who can assess student performance, without distance or time constraints.

Whether you need a ready-to-go rubric to measure ability in fourth-grade math skills or the instructions for creating a complex rubric assessing a semester-long research project, the Web offers abundant rubric resources, and most are free for the taking.

Sorted by	Quantity/Grade Level	Other Features
Subject area only	Rubric bank has 1,000s of rubrics for K–12	Complete directions for creating rubrics of countless designs
Subject area: Use internal search engine to sort further	1,000s of rubrics for K–12 collected from districts across the United States	Clearinghouse for hundreds of rubrics, as well as dozens of sites and articles related to rubric design and usage
Subject area: Use internal search engine to sort further	35,000 rubrics for high school and above	Collaborative assessment, eportfolios, book exchanges, tutoring clearinghouse
Rubric title only: Use internal search engine to sort further	100s of rubrics for K–12	15,000 resources including organizers, puzzles, etc.
Subject area	100s of rubrics for K–12	Straightforward rubrics to download
Subject area	More than 100,000 rubrics in scores of categories (42,000 for writing alone) for K–12	Available in English and Spanish; site will save rubrics selected/modified/created in personalized folder
Subject area	100s of rubrics for K–12	Worksheets, lesson plans, puzzles, calendars, theme units, posters, 36-page booklet, “What Is a Rubric?”
N/A	Rubric creation software	Site houses a list of available state standards
Subject area	100s of pre-formatted templates, in more than 50 subject areas for K–12	Members receive unlimited access to rubric makers, worksheet makers, puzzles, graphic organizers, lesson-plan makers, word list managers, etc.
Grade level or subject area	250 rubrics for K–12	15,000 documents, including: lesson plans, graphic organizers, resources for professional development, 180 printable books, <i>Funbrain to Go</i> , games, 30% off MyGradeBook and Quiz Lab
Subject area	100s of rubrics for K–12 and higher	See “Rubrics for Primary Grades”