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Open Educational Resources

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A little bit about Kristina

- ❑ Provides professional learning to school districts and states.
- Open Educational Resources are teaching, learning and research resources that exist in the public domain that allow for their free use, reuse, modification and then the redistribution.
- Five “R”s of Open Educational Resources
 - Reuse the content without worrying about it.
 - Retain or keep the content in perpetuity.
 - Revise it by customizing it to meet your student’s needs, example, translation.
 - Remix it by pulling in different multimedia.
 - Redistribute it back out into the community for other educators to use.
- Finding OER
 - Find supplemental resources to support your curriculum.
 - A searchable directory of [resources to get started](#).
 - Free vs Open
 - Open has the Creative Commons license that allows for the 5 Rs.
 - [Illinois Open Education Resources](#)
 - [OER Commons](#)
 - [Ck12](#)
 - Searchable database of flexbooks, simulations, and more
 - There are school districts that have used OER instead tradition textbooks and have saved lots of money that there were able to reinvest into the school.
- Benefits of using OER
 - Using OER gives teachers the ability to reflect and adapt the curriculum between adoptions.
 - Gives teachers the time and opportunity to dive deeply into their standards.
 - The flexibility to decide what you want teaching and learning to look like and then go out and find the resources that fit that.

- [Engage New York](#)
 - Looks very similar to a textbook.
 - Has online modules that goes along with the curriculum.
 - Customizable to fit your students needs.
- Available resources
 - Mostly math and science resources available.
 - ELA and world language resources becoming more available.
- Tips for getting started with OER
 - Find where you want to supplement.
 - See what already exists that you can revise and remix.
 - Use tools that teachers are already familiar with, such as Google Docs, to build out content.
 - Use the resources as a database as you build lessons.

Resources:

- Kristina's [interactive guide](#) for finding and sharing Open Educational Resources.