

An invitation to beta test Classroom Connection 2010-11!

Classroom Connection[™] is looking for schools to participate in phase 2 of it's beta testing for the 2010-11 school year. This is a service is designed to provide a comprehensive utility that will ultimately make the technology available to large-budget schools into the 21st Century accessible to smaller schools with less state-supported funding. It is being designed so that all client schools and churches completely control the look and feel of their site.

What does “Beta Testing” Mean?

- Most of the software has been developed although some features are still being worked on.
- Phase 1 of the beta testing focused on intense use by one school and church. Phase 2 will focus on ensuring that the site is functioning well with multiple school communities.
- There may be still be some issues with the appearance or functionality of the product as the final glitches are worked out prior to commercial release.
- There may be some changes in the appearance or functionality made as a result of comments made by those who use it during the "beta" stage.

What are the advantages of using software that is in this stage of development?

- The ability to use the software in a nearly complete state free of charge (note that the \$1000 beta fee is designed to ensure a commitment to use on the part of the testing institutions and is completely credited to the first full subscription in 2011-12).
- The opportunity to directly contribute to its development, thereby having a product available that "works for you" to the degree that you offered suggestions during this stage.

What is the downside?

Given that the site is still under some degree of development, it is possible that there may occasionally be an inconvenience related to this. This may include a feature not working as expected until tested and fixed or a feature still in an incomplete stage of development. Please note that this will in no way affect the security or stability of your data or the files used and/or stored on the site!