

As the school webmaster, I know the difference between a free website and a hosted website. The commercials on free sites are not always appropriate for students. They are also rather distracting. Our website provider has outstanding support, we do not have to worry about downtime. They provided us with training. There are features provided that are not obtainable through a free entity. Free website services are not geared toward a school environment. There are classroom specific features that are extremely useful for group collaboration, grading features, and monitoring that are not available from a free service.

Our email needs to be backed up for 5 years. This is not available through a free email service.