

This chart was created by [Richard Byrne](#) to help teachers quickly identify the blogging service that meets their needs.

Note, WordPress.com and WordPress.org are not the same thing. WordPress.com provides hosting for your blog and all of the software necessary to blog. WordPress.org is simply the software. The only way to use WordPress.org is own a domain and have a place to host the blog. Self-hosting a WordPress.org blog is the most expensive option and most time-intensive option on this list, but it does give you the most flexibility and control over your blog.

	<u>Blogger</u>	<u>WordPress.com</u>	<u>Edublogs.org</u>	<u>Kidblog.org</u>	<u>WordPress.org</u>
<i>Technical knowledge required?</i>	No	No	No	No	Yes, but many easy-to-follow tutorials available
<i>Manage students' accounts?</i>	Yes, but only in Google Apps for Education domains.	No	Yes, but only with "Pro" account. Pro account costs \$39.95/year.	Yes. subscription required.	Yes, but you are responsible for managing all aspects of account.
<i>TOS states "13 or over?"</i>	Yes. Exception for Google Apps for Education.	Yes.	No	No	No, again you manage all aspects of accounts.
<i>Offers native iPad and Android Apps?</i>	Yes. iOS http://goo.gl/j1xaK6 Android http://goo.gl/wnXpx5	Yes. iOS http://goo.gl/MCpFc9 Android http://goo.gl/hgQuQp	Yes. iOS and Android apps available here http://help.edublogs.org/user-guide/mobile/	No.	Yes. iOS http://goo.gl/MCpFc9 Android http://goo.gl/hgQuQp
<i>Support for multiple authors?</i>	Yes.	Yes.	Yes, but only with "Pro" account. Pro account costs \$39.95/year.	Yes, subscription required.	Yes.

<i>Make blog private?</i>	Yes.	Yes.	Yes, but only with “Pro” account. Pro account costs \$39.95/year.	Yes.	Yes.
<i>Supports embedding media from 3rd parties?</i>	Yes.	No.	Yes, but only with “Pro” account. Pro account costs \$39.95/year.	Yes. Some limitations may apply.	Yes.
<i>Displays advertising?</i>	No.	Yes. Ads can be removed for a fee.	No.	No.	No.
<i>Custom domain mapping (use your own domain).</i>	Yes. \$10-15/year	Yes. \$13-\$26/year	Yes, but only with “Pro” account. Pro account costs \$39.95/year.	No.	Yes, it’s your only option.
<i>Theme / layout customizations</i>	Unlimited	138 free themes. More for a fee.	Limited, more available as part of “Pro” package.	Limited.	Unlimited.

Important update - August 20, 2015 -

Beginning in September 2015 Kidblog will no longer offer a free product only a 30 day free trial. Kidblog has also removed their iOS