Web Site Evaluation

Please include all of the following items in your evaluation. You may include any additional sections if you need.

1. Title of the Web Site (e.g., Ask Dr. Math)

2. URL (e.g., http://forum.swarthmore.edu/dr.math/)

Directions: Please write brief statements (one or two paragraphs) in each of the following areas and use your judgment in allotting points for the various categories.

3. Currency (0 to 15 points)
   • The site has the date of last revision posted.
   • The site has been updated recently.
   • Frequency of planned updates and revisions is stated.

4. Content/Information (0 to 15 points)
   • The information will be useful to our curriculum and/or student interest.
   • This information is not available in any other format elsewhere in my library.
   • The information on the topic is thorough.
   • The information is accurate.
   • The purpose of the page is obvious.
   • The information is in good taste.
   • The page uses correct spelling and grammar.

5. Authority (0 to 10 points)
   • The authors are clearly identified.
   • The authors and/or maintainers of the site are authorities in their field.
   • There is a way to contact the author(s) via e-mail or traditional mail.
   • You can easily tell from the domain name where the page originates.
6. Navigation (0 to 10 points)
   • You can tell from the first page how the site is organized and what options are available.
   • The type styles and background make the page clear and readable.
   • The links are easy to identify.
   • The links are logically grouped.
   • The layout is consistent from page to page.
   • There is a link back to the home page on each supporting page.
   • The links are relevant to the subject.
   • The icons clearly represent what is intended.

7. Experience (0 to 10 points)
   • The page fulfills its intended purpose.
   • The page is worth the time.
   • The page’s presentation is eye-catching.
   • The site engages the visitor to spend time there.

8. Multimedia (0 to 10 points)
   • Sounds, graphics or video enhance the site’s message.

9. Treatment (0 to 10 points)
   • Any biases towards the subject matter can be easily identified.
   • The page is free from stereotyping.
   • The page is age appropriate for content and vocabulary for its intended audience.

10. Access (0 to 10 points)
    • You can connect quickly to the page.
    • The page is available through search engines.
    • The page loads quickly.
    • You can choose whether to download smaller images, text-only, or non-frame versions.

11. Miscellaneous (0 to 10 points)
    • The page has received an award(s).
    • There are no per-use costs involved.
    • Interactions asking for private information are secured.
    • Information can be printed without the need to change your system configuration.
    • Information is presented in short enough segments so it can be printed out without backing up the system for other users.
    • The page has its own search engine for searching within the page.

12. Total points and overall comments (at least one paragraph)