

Linking to items in Hidden Tools

Q. Can I hide tools that I reference in the Lessons page without restricting access to them for students?

A. Yes. The instructor can 'Hide' the Assignments, Forums, and Test and Quiz tools in the left-hand menubar from student and still reference items that reside in them without causing any problems for the student.

Ex: An instructor could link to an "Assignment 1" in the Assignments tool in the Week 1 lessons page. The student would still be able to access and complete the assignment through the lessons page even though the tool itself is not displaying to them in the left-hand menubar. The same is true for the Forums and Tests and Quizzes tool.

Hiding a Tool from students:

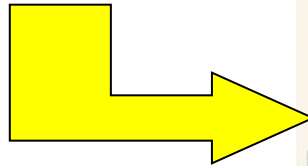
1. Go the Site Info tool.
2. Click on the 'Rename/Reorder Tools' button at the top of the page.
3. Click on the light-bulb icon, making it grey, next to the tool that you want to hide from students.



Make sure that the tool is hidden but not locked. The light bulb should be grey but the lock should remain in the unlocked position.

4. Click the Save button to lock in your changes.

Note: Hidden tools will display with a lighter grey font, italicized, and in parenthesis in the left-hand menubar. This helps the instructor remember that the tool is hidden from students despite the fact that they can still see it.



The screenshot shows the ISIDORE interface for the University of Dayton. At the top, there is a blue header with the university name and the ISIDORE logo. Below the header is a left-hand menu with several items: Home, Schedule, (Tests & Quizzes), Gradebook, Site Info, Resources, and Help. The 'Tests & Quizzes' item is highlighted with a lighter grey background and its text is italicized and in parentheses. To the right of the menu, there is a 'My Workspace' section with a 'SITE INFO' button and two sub-buttons: 'Edit Site Information' and 'Manage Access'.