The easiest way to download videos from hundreds of YouTube-like sites is to use an add-on software called Download Helper that is installed automatically to the Firefox browser from Mozilla. Therefore, you must have Firefox installed. It can be found at: http://www.mozilla.com/en-US/

After you have downloaded and installed the Firefox browser, you need to download and install the add-on program. To do that go to: https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/3006

Click on > Click on Install Now > Click on Restart Firefox

Now go to: http://www.youtube.com and find a video you want to download. Play that Video. On the top left or right hand side of your navigation bar, you will see the download helper icon rotating.

When the 3 balls in the icon are rotating, this means that there are videos that you may download. To do that, click on the arrow next to the icon and choose the video you want to download from the drop down list. Download it onto your hard drive or external USB flash drive and take it with you to school.

Recently, Download Helper would enable its users to download the videos as a flash video as well as MP4 videos. There is also an option to convert the video into various formats: MPEG (1+2), WMV, iPod, AVI, MPEG-4, etc. The Download Helper Icon will appear left of the title of the video.

Here is what it looks like when you click on the arrow next to the three balls on the left. You have 7 options. Click on the option for Download & Convert. A new window pops up and it will give 9 options to choose from. I always choose MPEG-4.

However, in order for you to view the Flash videos, you will need either a FLV or a VLC player. You can download such a player from the Internet for free. To do so, go to www.google.com and search for either “FLV Player” or “VLC Player”. Download the software onto your Desktop and then install the software by clicking on the downloaded file. Follow the instructions on the screen.