

There's An App For That:

Best Practices For Engaging and Managing Students using
Mobile Apps

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Going mobile?

- * We're talkin' tablets and smartphones....DEVICES.

- * If you can't beat 'em, learn 'em

Yes, but...

- * Are we there yet?
 - * Ask your students

- * Advantages are at least worth trying
 - * Engagement
 - * Learning in their mode
 - * Productivity

...then again

- * If you didn't want laptops or phones in your classes, this is gonna hurt a bit
- * Getting/keeping attention
 - * Could see that from both perspectives

So many apps, so little time...

- * Profhacker Blog
 - * <http://chronicle.com/blogs/profhacker/>
 - * Also: Tech Therapy podcast
- * I Education Apps Review
 - * <http://www.iear.org>
 - * Also available as podcast (search IEAR)
- * APPitic
 - * <http://www.appitic.com>
 - * “collection of 1,300+ apps for education

...but here are just a few

- * Best way to engage students, try them TOGETHER
- * Think: how could these ENHANCE?
- * Let's take some examples/ones to try
 - * Note the icons
 - * Platform(s)
 - * Pricing

Attendance

For managing the Classroom



- * Take roll, e-mail students, and much more
- * Developed by a professor
- * Also:
 - * Edmodo
 - * Teacher Pal
 - * eClicker
 - * Blackboard (sometime)

iPhone

iPad

Android



iStudiez (Pro)

Organizing for students



- * Students manage their courses, life, etc.
- * Has free version to “test drive”
- * Doesn’t sync with LMS’s or anything
- * For other purposes:
 - * Flashcards (to study terms, etc)

iPhone

iPad

Free/\$

Dropbox

Keeping files in the cloud



- * Store and share files on all devices at once
- * Integrates w/desktop
- * Can access lectures, syllabi, etc. on the go
- * Limited space w/free version
- * Also: iCloud, Rapidshare, many others

iPhone

iPad

Android

Free/\$

Adobe Connect

Webcast/Share



- * Students can “attend” by phone
- * Must be within a wireless range, or difficult
- * Whether to webcast etc. is an entire separate subject
- * Also: Skype

iPhone

iPad

Android

Free

Evernote

Clip/manage media, links, etc.



- * “Clip” materials or info for later use
- * Also a research and reference tool
- * Handles various formats
- * Also: Voice Thread, Delicious (not mobile yet)

iPhone

iPad

Android

Free

Dragon Dictation

Audio-to-text voice notes, reminders, etc.



- * Handy tool for mental notes on the go
- * Converts to text, for an e-mail or text msg
- * Fairly accurate, simple
- * Mis-types can be dangerous

iPhone

iPad

Android

Free

Tiny Vox

Recording/sharing
voice notes, reminders, etc.



- * Record notes/lectures/podcasts
- * E-mail or post the audio easily
- * Fun interface (if you know what a cassette is)
- * Drawings, too? ScreenChomp (iPad)

iPhone

Free/\$

Wikipedia Mobile

Reference/info at your fingertips



- * Yeah, I know...reliability?
- * iPad reader versions instead of iPhone app
- * Could also use the best app: the web
- * Also: Google, Wolfram Alpha, many others

iPhone

Android

Free/\$

Tour Wrist

Making learning fun



- * Go places and take a 360 – degree look
- * Library of places still a little lacking
- * So many other fun tools:
 - * Instagram and Pixlromatic
 - * Doodlebuddy and UYH
 - * Wah Wah and many many audio apps

iPhone

iPad

Free

Google Books

Reading will never be the same?



- * Access to over 3 million ebooks
- * Integrates with your Google acct., of course
- * Other readers/publishers:
 - * Kindle and Nook
 - * Inkling – interactive textbooks
 - * Stanza

iPhone

iPad

Android

Free

iBrainstorm

Collaboration



- * Share “sticky notes” of ideas virtually
- * iPad based, but companion version for iPhone
- * Also:
 - * Whiteboard (\$),
 - * JabberPad
 - * Groupboard

iPhone

iPad

Free

Apps Fire

Yep...even apps about apps!



- * Search by category
- * Alerts for price changes
- * Also: PositionApp (\$), Edutecher (for this and more)

iPhone

iPad

Android

Free

Yes, Virginia, there IS an app for that

- * If you can imagine it, there's probably an app
 - * or develop one!

- * So many that it can be overwhelming
 - * read up, try free versions

...as I was saying

* The future or not, advantages today