

iPad Apps for Special Needs

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[Bucket List of Online Education Resources | Digital Learning Environments](#)

http://www.guide2digitallearning.com/web_tools/bucket_list_online_education_resources

"Bucket List of Online Education Resources" Free apps and websites included on this page.

Through blogging and working with ed tech companies, I come across a large number of educational tools. To help make things easier for myself and others, I have created top 10 lists, curated lists on Pinterest and Edshelf, and also created digital books. However, I always wanted to create a bucket list if I was starting in a new district/school etc. Hopefully, people will find this list useful and perhaps a nice way to save districts money. -

See more at: http://www.guide2digitallearning.com/web_tools/bucket_list_online_education_resources#sthash.2cYnwRlk.dpuf

[Top 100 Sites and Apps of 2013 | Digital Learning Environments](#)

http://www.guide2digitallearning.com/web_tools/top_100_sites_and_apps_2013

"Here is my favorite and most popular post of the year, my Top 100 Sites/Apps of the year! Continuing with the trend from last year, readers are going to find more and more apps on the list and fewer sites, as the flux in mobile learning and BYOD (bring your own devices) continues to rise. Also, you'll notice that there are a lot of learning tools for Digital Storytelling & Math. I believe the reason for this is because storytelling is a learning tool that can be used by a wide range of educators for any subject, and Math is a very popular subject with lots of diverse ways to go about teaching it. I hope you enjoy this list and, as always, thanks again for reading!"

[Explore: Apps | Exploratorium](#)

<http://www.exploratorium.edu/explore/apps>

"If you haven't yet downloaded the apps in our Uncovered series, then you're in for a surprise—actually, loads of them. Because as much as you like to trust your own eyes and ears, it turns out that what they tell you can be wildly, wonderfully wrong. So get these apps . . . and get ready for a surprise."

[Thinking Blocks - Model and Solve Math Word Problems](#)

<http://thinkingblocks.com>

Free iPad apps for addition, multiplication, fractions, ratios and modeling tool.

[Five of the Best Free Educational Tablet Apps for SEN Kids | Tablets For Schools](#)

<http://www.tabletsforschools.org.uk/5-great-apps-for-special-educational-needs-sen/>

"All students should be able to reach their full potential in school. We've put together 5 of the best free educational tablet and mobile apps that support SEN students in their learning and help them keep up with other students in the classroom."

[The 5 Best Classroom Management Apps for Teachers | Tablets For Schools](#)

<http://www.tabletsforschools.org.uk/help-for-busy-teachers-the-five-best-classroom-management-apps/>

"appsTeachersTeachers have one of the toughest management jobs out there – the average productivity and organization app is simply not enough. Why not try some of these specialized apps to help you with the logistics of juggling a classroom of kids? They'll help you deal more efficiently with everything from attendance through to class lists."

[40+ iPad Apps for Reading Disabilities ~ Educational Technology and](#)

[Mobile Learning](#)

<http://www.educatorstechnology.com/2014/03/40-ipad-apps-for-struggling-reading-and.html>
" Whether you're the parent of a child with a reading disability or an educator that works with learning disabled students on a daily basis, you're undoubtedly always looking for new tools to help these bright young kids meet their potential and work through their disability. While there are numerous technologies out there that can help, perhaps one of the richest is the iPad, which offers dozens of applications designed to meet the needs of learning disabled kids and beginning readers alike. Here, we highlight just a few of the amazing apps out there that can help students with a reading disability improve their skills not only in reading, writing, and spelling, but also get a boost in confidence and learn to see school as a fun, engaging activity, not a struggle."

[5 steps to maximize iPads for students with autism | eSchool News | eSchool News](#)

<http://www.eschoolnews.com/2013/10/28/education-ipad-autism-198/?ps=122192-0013000000j0UEB-0033000000q5omq>

"iPad-autismClassrooms across the country are dotted with iPads on desks, in students' hands, and in hallways. Recently, a special education expert offered five insights into how the iPad can be used more effectively in classrooms—not just for students with autism, but for all students."

[Creating a "Least Restrictive Environment" with Mobile Devices | Edutopia](#)

<http://www.edutopia.org/blog/least-restrictive-environment-mobile-devices-beth-holland>

" The U.S. Individuals with Disabilities Education Act defines the concept of the Least Restrictive Environment as the opportunity for a student with a disability to be "provided with supplementary aids and services necessary to achieve educational goals if placed in a setting with non-disabled peers." (Daniel R.r. v. State Bd. of Educ., 874 F.2d 1036, 1050, 5th Cir.1989) This concept of providing students with "supplementary aids and services necessary to achieve educational goals" could be applied to all students. By leveraging the capabilities of mobile devices, teachers can support their students in creating a personalized learning environment with the least number of barriers. "

[app-oplexy](#)

<http://app-oplexy.com>

"App-oplexy is dedicated to the unbiased and in-depth review of apps on the iPad that support special needs children and adults. We understand the real life application of apps in the classroom."

[Power Up: Apps for Kids with Special Needs and Learning Differences | Common Sense Media](#)

[http://www.common sense media.org/guide/special-](http://www.common sense media.org/guide/special-needs?utm_source=2013.02.26_special_needs&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly)

[needs?utm_source=2013.02.26_special_needs&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly](http://www.common sense media.org/guide/special-needs?utm_source=2013.02.26_special_needs&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly)
"If your child has a special need or learning difference, you've come to the right place. Common Sense Media gets lots of requests for product recommendations from parents whose kids struggle with traditional learning. Some of their kids have a hard time with schoolwork; others have trouble staying on task or find it difficult to express their feelings."

[The 200 Best Special Education Apps | Edudemic](#)

<http://edudemic.com/2012/02/special-ed-apps/>

"If you're a special education teacher or are simply looking for an innovative way to reach a student... this is for you. Many apps out there are useful in the classroom but they're not always easy to find in the clogged-up app store."

[Apps for Students with LD | Organization & Study - NCLD](#)

<http://www.nclد.org/students-disabilities/assistive-technology-education/apps-students-ld-organization-study>

"Students with learning disabilities often have trouble with study skills like getting and staying organized—a crucial executive function skill—and remembering what needs to happen and when. My daughter (who has dyslexia) and I have researched and/or tested the following apps, and she's found them especially helpful. We

know that every person has slightly different needs, but it's worth taking the time to find out which apps work for your child.

[50 Best iPad Apps for Reading Disabilities - Online College Courses](#)

<http://www.onlinecollegecourses.com/2012/09/16/50-best-ipad-apps-for-reading-disabilities/>
"Whether you're the parent of a child with a reading disability or an educator that works with learning disabled students on a daily basis, you're undoubtedly always looking for new tools to help these bright young kids meet their potential and work through their disability. While there are numerous technologies out there that can help, perhaps one of the richest is the iPad, which offers dozens of applications designed to meet the needs of learning disabled kids and beginning readers alike. Here, we highlight just a few of the amazing apps out there that can help students with a reading disability improve their skills not only in reading, writing, and spelling, but also get a boost in confidence and learn to see school as a fun, engaging activity, not a struggle."

[75 best apps for special education, special needs, speech and language, reading and writing, auditory processing disorder](#)

<http://adayinourshoes.com/2013/01/22/75-speech-language-apd-reading-writing-and-accessibility-apps-for-childrenrecommended-by-slp-and-ot/>
"75 best apps for special education, special needs, speech and language, reading and writing, auditory processing disorder"

[List of Free iPad Apps for children with Special Needs: Part 1](#)

<http://elearningindustry.com/subjects/general/item/339-free-special-needs-ipad-apps-part-1>
"While I begun my research I saw the TCEA. What is the TCEA. The TCEA (Texas Computer Education Association) is dedicated to the improvement of teaching and learning through the use of computers and technology. Nice mission statement I can say. The awesome thing about TCEA was the iPad Apps and Resources for Teachers, where I found an amazing list with iPad Apps for children with special needs."

[AssistiveWare: Accessibility and Assistive Technology for Mac, iPhone, iPod and iPad](#)

<http://www.assistiveware.com>
Founded in 2000, AssistiveWare has established itself as the worldwide leader in innovative assistive technology software for Mac OS X and iOS. AssistiveWare works in close collaboration with end users and professionals to offer a portfolio of award-winning solutions for individuals with physical, vision, communication, and reading impairments. In 2002, AssistiveWare was the first company to deliver universal access to Mac OS X with the KeyStrokes on-screen keyboard. Always innovating, AssistiveWare was also the first company to release a full-featured Augmentative and Alternative Communication solution for iPad, iPhone and iPod touch: the award-winning app Proloquo2Go. Recently AssistiveWare has released Pictello, an exciting multilingual visual story telling app for iOS.

[Apps for Special Education : Spectronics - Inclusive Learning Technologies](#)

<http://www.spectronicsinoz.com/apps-for-special-education>
Spectronics is Australia and New Zealand's largest supplier of special needs software and assistive technologies. We prefer to think of our range as "inclusive learning technologies", being those technologies which foster real success and real inclusion in educational or community-based settings. Our team is made up of staff from teaching, speech pathology, occupational therapy, and technical backgrounds, and we work closely with a wide network of professionals and technology users – reflecting our commitment to providing quality support to both education and disability groups throughout Australia, New Zealand and South East Asia.

[iPad Resources from JM Genter](#)

<http://jmgenter.wikispaces.com/Ipad+resources>
"Differentiating for Elementary Special Needs Students Using the iPad"

There are other iPad resources available on this wiki.

[IpadAppsClarkstown - iPad apps for students](#)

<http://ipadappsclarkstown.wikispaces.com/iPad+apps+for+students>

iPad Apps for Students with Special Needs from the Clarkstown School District in Rockland County, NY. It was created by a special education teacher.

[Special Education Apps | Best iPad Apps for Kids | Educational iPad Apps - A4CWSN.com](#)

<http://a4cwsn.com>

"Developers donate Thousands of Dollars for A4CWSN, over 80 iPads already given away to Children with Special Needs in the past 6 months."

a4cwsn is committed to helping the families and carers of children with special needs and the wider community of educators and therapists who support them, by producing videos that demonstrate how products designed to educate children and build their life skills really work from a user perspective. Our aim is that these videos, along with relevant information and advice from an independent source you can trust, provides valuable insight into whether a product is suitable for its intended purpose or not, enabling sensible buying decisions to be made. We hope this site and its content provides a valuable resource to the community that serves our precious children with special needs.

[App of the Week on ADVANCE for Occupational Therapy Practitioners](#)

<http://occupational-therapy.advanceweb.com/Web-Extras/Online-Extras/App-of-the-Week.aspx>

"There are a multitude of free and inexpensive applications available. Each week Angelia Wood, OTR/L, a therapist with Davie County Schools in Mocksville, NC, will review an app and its use in OT."

[Tech Learning : iPads, iPod Touches, and iPhones as Assistive Technology in Education](#)

<http://www.techlearning.com/from-the-classroom/0015/ipads-ipod-touches-and-iphones-as-assistive-technology-in-education/47768>

"The recent release of Apple's iPad has opened up some great new ideas and creative paths for teachers looking for assistive technologies (AT) for their classroom. Tactile learners and digital natives alike love to use these handheld devices to learn about core curriculum standards within the classroom. According to Apple's website, "iPod touch and iPhone use a high-resolution Multi-Touch screen, ideal for those who have difficulty using a traditional keyboard and mouse." The iTunes app store has even showcased a tab for special education apps, available as AT for students with learning disabilities. The app store often offers these same apps for the iPod Touch and iPhone. These tablets and handheld devices can be used in many different ways and offer communication options for students with autism. "

[The Special Needs iPad & App Series | Friendship Circle -- Special Needs Blog](#)

<http://www.friendshipcircle.org/blog/2011/02/02/the-special-needs-ipad-app-series/>

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[Christine Dowd's Special Ed Apps](#)

http://www.ipadineducation.co.uk/iPad_in_Education/Special_Ed..html

"I have decided to create a Special Ed. page to look at the built-in accessibility features of iOS and some of the apps written specifically for people with communication and learning difficulties. Importantly, there are many apps which are not labelled or described as educational or specifically for people with learning difficulties, yet many people are finding them useful for teaching and learning purposes. Consequently the apps in this section may well be useful in many learning situations and not exclusively for people with learning difficulties. Also, many of the apps in other sections will be of use for special needs."

[TeachThought50 Popular iPad Apps For Struggling Readers & Writers | TeachThought](#)

<http://www.teachthought.com/apps-2/50-popular-ipad-apps-for-struggling-readers-writers/>
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[Special Needs Apps for Kids \(SNApps4Kids.com\)](#)

<http://www.snapps4kids.com/applicationreview>

SNApps4Kids is a volunteer community of parents, therapists, doctors, and teachers who share information on how we are using the iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch and Android devices with children who have special needs. We have found these mobile devices to provide accessibility for children who may have been previously disengaged from the world because of challenging language, motor, or other developmental delays. Given the rising number of apps on the market and the diverse skills of children with special needs, parents have found each other to be one of the best resources for choosing apps to enhance everyday life for our children. While our group is primarily parent-driven, our efforts are naturally collaborative with the people who help our children develop particular skills - therapists and educators.

[To Do List Apps for Organization for ADD ADHD Adults and Children](#)

<http://www.addudemag.com/adhd/article/8698.html>

"Let these apps, available for the iPod Touch, the iPhone, and the iPad, make short work of your, or your child's, to-do list."

[APPitic - 1,300+ EDUapps](#)

<http://appitic.com>

APPitic is a directory of apps for education by Apple Distinguished Educators (ADEs) to help you transform teaching and learning. These apps have been tested in a variety of different grade levels, instructional strategies and classroom settings.

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