



10 Best Apps for Students

My approach to tech and teenagers—mine are 15 and 18—is a twist on the old standby, “If you can’t beat ‘em, join ‘em.” In other words, I load the smartphones and tablets they refuse to unhand with apps meant to make them smarter. Here are some A+ suggestions.



**MOTION MATH:
PIZZA!**
IOS, \$3.99

Running a successful pizzeria requires shopping for ingredients, running the cash register and turning a profit. This entertaining game challenges players to tackle faster and harder multiplication problems as the levels increase.



MICROSOFT OFFICE MOBILE
IOS, ANDROID, WINDOWS PHONE, FREE; OFFICE 365 HOME SUBSCRIPTION (FROM \$9.99 PER MONTH) REQUIRED TO CREATE AND EDIT DOCUMENTS

With some of the best work tools around—Word, Excel and PowerPoint—at her fingertips, your lightning-fast texter can probably write English papers and science reports right on her phone.



MYHOMEWORK
IOS, ANDROID, WINDOWS PHONE, KINDLE, WEB, FREE

Hopefully, the means to create a digital assignment log and receive reminders as tasks come due heralds the end of forgotten homework. If the teacher is willing to use the companion app, so much the better—he can publish directly to the students’ planners.



STUDYBLUE
IOS, ANDROID, KINDLE, WEB, FREE OR FROM \$9 PER MONTH

This app offers millions of subject-specific flash cards created by teachers and users—plus the ability to easily create unique ones to flip through onscreen. Bottom line: less time messing with markers and index cards, more time actually studying.



GRAMMAR WONDERLAND
IOS, ANDROID, FREE OR \$2.99

Flying a plane toward proper nouns or feeding a friendly-looking polar bear the correct parts of speech to rack up points makes for an entertaining alternative to the old-school (not to mention yawn-inducing) practice of diagramming sentences.

MINDSNACKS U.S. GEOGRAPHY
IOS, \$1.99



Featuring a virtual road trip through the U.S. that will earn players the nickname “Human Atlas,” this app covers the geography as well as cultural aspects of all 50 states in a visually fun way and can be customized for beginning, intermediate and advanced skill sets.

CODECADEMY
IOS, WEB, FREE



In this day and age, every student should learn to code. Schools seem to only just be figuring this out, so don’t wait for them catch up. This app will get your student started coding in just about an hour. Also, it’s fun! (Adults should take advantage too.)

KHAN ACADEMY
IOS, FREE



The visionary Salman Khan is using technology to transform the way people learn everything from simple math to quantum physics. If you install only one app on your kid’s iPad, make it this one.

SOLAR WALK
IOS, FREE OR \$2.99
ANDROID, FREE OR \$2.90



A 3-D model of the solar system with stunning graphics? Yes, please! With a presentation this engaging, boning up on planets and continents becomes an irresistible journey of inquiry.

ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA
IOS, WINDOWS PHONE. SOME CONTENT IS FREE; FULL ACCESS, \$15/YEAR



Sure, Wikipedia’s crowd-sourced content is often the go-to, but there’s still something to be said for an authoritative source. Flipping through an encyclopedia, gleaming random facts and looking at cool pictures used to require a weighty, sometimes dusty book. Not anymore, provided there’s an iPad handy.

