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
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
  - Also: Tech Therapy podcast

- I Education Apps Review
  - [http://www.iear.org](http://www.iear.org)
  - Also available as podcast (search IEAR)

- APPitic
  - [http://www.appitic.com](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)

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
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)

Free/$
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
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

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

Free
Apps Fire
Yep...even apps about apps!

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