

50 Favorite Tools for Learning

We've put together the ultimate best-of-the-best edtech list.

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Adobe Spark

Super-flexible design tool for crafting fab images, videos, and sites

spark.adobe.com ★★★★★



Canva

Create snazzy designs in seconds with flexible, cloud-based tool

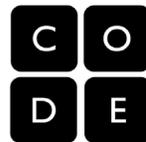
canva.com ★★★★★



Amaze

Quirky, funny videos give thoughtful answers to kids' sex-ed questions

amaze.org ★★★★★



Code.org

Popular games, big names get kids and teachers pumped to program

code.org ★★★★★



Bandimal

Captivating music-creation app for young musicians

yatatoy.com/bandimal ★★★★★



CommonLit

Feature-rich literacy resource offers superb support for readers

commonlit.org ★★★★★



Book Creator

Magically easy way to create and publish digital books and multimedia

bookcreator.com ★★★★★



CueThink

Social approach to problem-solving promotes deep math learning

cuethink.com ★★★★★



Desmos

Elegant graphing calculator and math simulations promote collaboration

desmos.com ★★★★★



Easy Studio Stop-Motion Studio

Ideal, easy-to-use way to help kids learn basic animation

edokiacademy.com ★★★★★



Discovery Tour by Assassin's Creed: Ancient Egypt

Popular game's education mode offers stunning view of ancient world

assassinscreed.ubisoft.com/origins/ ★★★★★



EdPuzzle

Crop, customize, and remix online video content with interactive tool

edpuzzle.com ★★★★★



DIY

Design, build, and share new things offline and online

diy.org ★★★★★



Epic! - Unlimited Books for Kids

Free, expansive digital library unlocks treasure trove of books

getepic.com ★★★★★



DragonBox Algebra 5+

Mesmerizing step-by-step puzzler sets the foundation for algebra

dragonbox.com ★★★★★



Explain Everything Whiteboard

Powerhouse tool for creating stellar multimedia presentations

explaineverything.com ★★★★★



The Earth by Tinybop

Explore challenging concepts with beautiful, interactive free play

tinybop.com/apps/the-earth ★★★★★



Flipgrid

Pose questions, spark thoughtful video responses with stellar tool

flipgrid.com ★★★★★



Florence

Incredibly relatable story about navigating adult love and life

florencegame.com ★★★★★



GoNoodle

Brief bursts of physical exercise add classroom fun, build brainpower

gonoodle.com ★★★★★



Formative

Superb real-time assessment tool a fit for 1-to-1, BYOD classrooms

goformative.com ★★★★★



Google Arts & Culture

Excellent curation and an unmatched art collection invite exploration

artsandculture.google.com ★★★★★



GarageBand

Amazingly powerful audio workstation unleashes creativity

apple.com/mac/garageband ★★★★★



Google CS First

Middle school CS platform offers stellar resources, organizing tools

csfirst.withgoogle.com ★★★★★



Geoguessr

"Just one more turn" gameplay jazzes up geography

geoguessr.com ★★★★★



GooseChase EDU

Digital scavenger hunts provide dynamic, fresh learning experiences

goosechase.com/edu ★★★★★



Gizmos & Gadgets

Top-notch tool empowers kids to invent, build, and control wirelessly

littlebits.com ★★★★★



Hypothes.is

Browser extensions add layer of annotation and discussion to the web

web.hypothes.is ★★★★★



Gone Home

Compelling narrative game fosters empathy, self-reflection

gonehome.game ★★★★★



InsertLearning

Useful Chrome extension lets teachers add interactivity to websites

insertlearning.com ★★★★★



Magnus Kingdom of Chess

Gentle chess puzzle game ideal for young newbies

magnuskingdom.com ★★★★★



The PocketLab

Gather and analyze live data anywhere

thepocketlab.com ★★★★★



Minecraft: Education Edition

Stellar 3D design hub promotes innovation, collaboration, and creation

education.minecraft.net ★★★★★



Quizlet

Flexible study aid supports learning at home, at school, and on the go

quizlet.com ★★★★★



Mosa Mack Science

Engaging design challenges turn kids into actual science detectives

mosamack.com ★★★★★



Remind

Teachers' text reminders keep students — and parents — up to speed

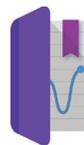
remind.com ★★★★★



Newsela

Absorbing daily news stories offer kids just-right learning content

newsela.com ★★★★★



Science Journal by Google

Turn your phone into a lab sensor to collect and analyze data

sciencejournal.withgoogle.com ★★★★★



NOVA Labs

Online science, mastered: exceptional content within meaningful tasks

pbs.org/wgbh/nova/labs/ ★★★★★



Scratch

Creative sandbox opens the door to coding in any subject area

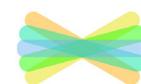
scratch.mit.edu ★★★★★



PhET Interactive Simulations

Massive cache of excellent (and free!) science and math simulations

phet.colorado.edu ★★★★★



Seesaw

Versatile digital portfolio appeals to teachers, students, and parents

web.seesaw.me ★★★★★



Sown to Grow

Cultivate a growth mindset with reflective, student-driven learning

sowntogrow.com ★★★★★



ThinkCERCA

Well-structured lessons encourage deep analysis, thoughtful writing

thinkcerca.com ★★★★★



Spiral

Provide instant feedback with collaborative, multimedia assessment tool

spiral.ac ★★★★★



Tinkercad

Amazingly simple yet powerful online CAD tool turns kids into makers

tinkercad.com ★★★★★



Swift Playgrounds

Brilliantly designed iOS coding app great for newbies or pros

apple.com/swift/playgrounds ★★★★★



Tuva Labs

Dynamic data-exploration tool offers large collection of data sets

tuvalabs.com ★★★★★



Teaching Tolerance

Thought-provoking classroom resources support diversity education

tolerance.org ★★★★★



Zearn

Innovative combo of live instruction and adaptive online math lessons

zearn.org ★★★★★