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Title: YouTube Kids

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Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
Have you played enough to know every aspect? • Did you try things that were wrong and/or unexpected	√		
Did the software crash?		✓	
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	✓		
Were the screens appealing? • Color, items on screen, sounds	✓		
Is it easy to navigate?	✓		
Is it easy to learn?	√		
Does the user need Supervision to use	✓		To keep them on appropriate videos
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)		✓	It does not offer responses because it is just videos.
 Were there bells and whistles? If so, do they enhance instead of detract? If not, should there be? 		1	Super simple
Did you like using the App?	√		I use this for education purposes and for things outside of the classroom.
What was the cost? • Was there a "lite" version ○ If so, was it enough		✓	You can purchase YouTube tv but you have access to all the educational videos for free
Were there in-app purchases?If so, what were the additional costs?		✓	

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How does it compare to other apps that do the same?		I think it compares to any educational video outlet app
Additional Comments		

Developmentally Appropriate

Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
Child Development and Learning			
 Subject Matter appropriate? 			
 Educational Focus? 			
 Provides for Learning New 	✓		
Content?			
 Follows Appropriate Teaching 			
Sequence?			
Individual			
 Does it match individual's abilities? 	✓		
 Does it meet individual's needs? 			
Social/Cultural			
• Bias?		✓	
 Commercialism Comments 			

For discovery learning, I choose YouTube Kids. While this app has a plethora of non-educational videos on regular YouTube, there are unlimited number of educational videos that are so useful and fun for. Students can explore multiple different subjects, ideas, and creative aspects. Every student can make their own account with their school email so that inappropriate videos will be blocked, and they won't have access to them. YouTube has millions of educational videos that go over every subject and dives deep into different ideas of each subject.

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YouTube Kids is rated #7 with a 4.7 rating on the entertainment category of the app store. It is produced by Google LLC and works on any device that has iOS 10.0 or later. It is available in English and 72 other languages. It gives you access to videos, music, movies, and tv shows. Parental controls are set in content settings by age level, so you know exactly what your students are watching.

I think YouTube kids is a fantastic FREE resource for children. I use this app at work and my students love it. They have access to phonic lessons, interactive dancing songs, and so much more. They always get excited when we turn the tv on because they know we are going to do something fun. They love doing children yoga which helps them become entuned with their bodies and minds. It also burns off energy so that when it is time to go back to our seats they can focus and concentrate.