

Title: Padlet

Version: 72.0

Publisher: Wallwisher, Inc.

Target Audience: Padlet advertises ages 4+. I believe this app would be beneficial for smaller project in our desired age range (Kindergarten- 2nd Grade) and highly beneficial for older elementary students. Students below grade 4 or so may need help navigating the app.

Curriculum: Padlet could be utilized in many subject areas. Math, science, history, art, music, English, etc. would all benefit from Padlet incorporation.

Possible Environments: Padlet would be beneficial for regular classroom use. Padlet could be highly utilized by the teacher for building interactive lesson plans or by the students to model their knowledge of a particular subject area. I would not suggest at home use of padlet for students, only teachers.

Cost: There is a completely free version of this app. I found the free version would suffice for student use. For teacher use, I would suggest purchasing the full version which is \$12.99 a month or \$99.00 for a yearly subscription. Once the full version is purchased, there are no further in-app purchases.

Padlet is an app that allows you to collect data and information and format on to a virtual bulletin board. Text, images, videos, and links can be added to a board. Padlet would be beneficial for student or teacher use. Users can simply drag and drop their desired content onto their bulletin board. Users can also add side notes. Teachers could use Padlet to customize lesson plans, and students could use Padlet to display their knowledge of a content area as well as express creativity. More than one person can contribute to a board. This would be a great opportunity for collaborative work. Once creations are finished, there are multiple outlets to share work such as Facebook or Twitter. Because of this, I would suggest direct supervision of students as they can post before approval is given by the teacher. Although there are many virtual bulletin board apps to choose from, I found Padlet to be visually appealing for students and highly customizable. The drag and drop feature would be easily maneuverable for younger elementary students.

As a future educator, I could see Padlet being beneficial in the classroom. It is an app that allows students and teachers to be as creative as they wish. I could see myself using Padlet more as a teaching tool than an integration method, but small projects with Padlet would be interesting, fun and engaging for students. I do see a few issues with privacy and security within the app. Padlet gives an abundant amount of freedom for online searches and students will need direct supervision while using the app. Other than that, I found Padlet to be a great way to explore, express and collaborate.