

## Evaluating Apps

**Title** Easy Attendance (iPad)

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Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
Have you played enough to know every aspect? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did you try things that were wrong and/or unexpected</li> </ul>	X		
Did the software crash?		X	
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	X		
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Color, items on screen, sounds .....</li> </ul>	X		
Is it easy to navigate?	X		
Is it easy to learn?	X		
Does the user need Supervision to use		X	
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)			
Were there bells and whistles? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If so, do they enhance instead of detract?</li> <li>• If not, should there be?</li> </ul>	X		This app appears to be an attendance tracker, but it offers so much more even with just the free version. You can create a profile for each student and add observation and assessments, and then export the reports via email. There is also a random group generator to help teachers assign group work. Not to mention taking attendance isn't a hassle with this app.
Did you like using the App?	X		

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What was the cost? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was there a "lite" version <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If so, was it enough</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	X	X	The app was free but has an optional subscription that includes unlimited classes and unlimited students and syncing between devices. This would be useful for a teacher with more than one class, but not necessary for a kindergarten teacher.
Were there in-app purchases? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If so, what were the additional costs?</li> </ul>	X		
How does it compare to other apps that do the same?			N/A
Additional Comments			

### Developmentally Appropriate

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<b>Child Development and Learning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subject Matter appropriate?</li> <li>• Educational Focus?</li> <li>• Provides for Learning New Content?</li> <li>• Follows Appropriate Teaching Sequence?</li> </ul>	X		
<b>Individual</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does it match individual's abilities?</li> <li>• Does it meet individual's needs?</li> </ul>	X		
<b>Social/Cultural</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bias?</li> <li>• Commercialism Comments</li> </ul>		X	

Version: 2.0

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**Publisher:** ConnectedPE Pty Ltd

**Target Audience:** 4+, but the content is only relevant to educators.

**Type:** Tool that allows teachers to take attendance, complete observation reports, and keep track of their students' personal information. It's like a filing cabinet in your pocket.

**Curriculum:** This is a great tool for a teacher to have access to, but it doesn't contribute to or incorporate with lesson plans other than allowing it to randomly select group members for group work, which is a great feature.

**Cost:** Free or subscribe to premium for more features for the *LOW COST* of 1.49 a month or 12.49 per year! I don't need the features with the premium version, but if I did, I would not hesitate with a price like that.

When you first open the app, it prompts you to create your account. Once created, you can create your class and begin taking attendance. Once you add each student, there is options to edit each student's information with a photo, custom labels, address, age, email, phone number, parents' names, etc. You can also record observations about each student and view attendance and observation reports. The random menu allows you to assign students to groups of various sizes at random. Under settings, there is an option to upgrade and there are tutorials and support for new users.

I can't wait to try this in my own class someday. I love the organization it provides at my fingertips. I wonder if there is a way to sync it with the attendance program my future school will use, which will determine if this will truly be appropriate for me. I could still use it without the attendance aspect as a database for student and parent contact information and observation reporting.