

CODE SPARK



VERSION	PUBLISHER	TARGET AUDIENCE	COST	PASS OR FAIL?
2.36.00	codeSpark, Inc	4+	\$9.99/month	PASS

DESCRIPTION OF APP:

This app is geared towards young students in helping them learn and begin to code. When purchased, the app offers several fun and exciting games for kids to play. There are different scenarios in each game where the student needs to solve the problem presented in the game through coding. This is a great app for students to learn coding and build up to creating their own games.

OUR REVIEW:

This app is very engaging and does a great job at providing great graphics to attract young kids. The games within the app are fun and entertaining towards the age group the app is geared towards. Students, regardless of reading level, have an easy time navigating through the games and learning the basics of coding. This app can be used to teach students problem-solving skills, math, science, and technological skills. We wish this app offered free games instead of purchasing the whole package for all the games. This could help kids who can not offered to purchase apps be exposed to these skills as well.

TYPE OF SOFTWARE/ ENVIRONMENT:

Software: This app is a problem-solving app for students. This allows students to pick different games with different scenarios. These scenarios have problems students must code to find a solution.

Environment: This app would be in a mobile environment because this app needs to be used by each individual student on a tablet to be used to its full capacity.

CURRICULUM:

This app helps students with enhancing students with problem-solving skills and creativity through coding. This helps students gain skills in technology, math and computer science.

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Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
Have you played enough to know every aspect? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did you try things that were wrong and/or unexpected 		x	This app would not let us play around with it unless we agreed for the app to charge us after the free trial.
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"> Color, items on the screen, sounds 	x		
Is it easy to navigate?	x		
Is it easy to learn?	x		At the beginning there is a really good video in which it shows parents how students will navigate the app and what is offered.
Does the user need Supervision to use?		x	
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)	x		
Were there bells and whistles? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If so, do they enhance instead of detract? If not, should there be? 	x		Enhanced

APPS EVALUATING

Did you like using the App?	x	We did like everything included in the app and how the app is developed.
What was the cost? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was there a "lite" version <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If so, was it enough 	x	There is a 7-day free trial. After the free trial, one must pay \$7.99 per month which is a 20% limited time offer. The regular price is \$9.99.
Were there in-app purchases? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, what were the additional costs? 	x	In the app one must sign up and agree to pay \$9.99 per month after free trial. However, the app offered a 20% discount for limited time making the price \$7.99 per month.
How does it compare to other apps that do the same?	x	We think this app is a great app geared towards students' interests. It has great display, effects, navigations and games for students in teaching them coding.
Additional Comments		

APPS EVALUATING

Developmentally Appropriate

Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
Child Development and Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is subject Matter appropriate? • Educational Focus? • Provides for Learning New Content? • Follows Appropriate Teaching Sequence? 	x		
Individual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it match an individual's abilities? • Does it meet an individual's needs? 	x		
Social/Cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bias? • Commercialism Comments 		x	