- Title: Hopscotch
- Version: 3.32.1
- Publisher: Hopscotch Technologies
- Target Audience: 4+, but we believe this would probably be best for 8 or 9+. The tutorials provided are excellent, but it is slightly advanced technology processes, so we suggest it for this age.
- Type: Coding/Tutorial it is both a coding app and a tutorial on how to code for kids. It provides excellent step-by-step video tutorials to follow along to while you code.
- Curriculum: Computer/technology would be best, but this could potentially work for any curriculum level in that students could make games about what they are learning.
- Possible environments and why: This app would be good for a magnet school where more advanced technology skills are being taught and used. It could also work for upper grades creating games that synthesize what they've learned in class.
- Cost: Free, but it is not a full version—it has a lot of content for free including a few different games and coding tutorials, but ultimately, you have to pay for a full subscription, and that ranges from \$7.99 to \$79.99, depending on how long of a subscription it is.
- Summary: The software opens up to colorful, pleasing graphics and a few different coding options—your own version of Crossy Road, learning to code, or trying other kids' real coding games that they have made themselves. The tutorials in the app are on a grid, and you can watch the video while you work. It will move around with your screen, and you can make it bigger or smaller. You can also pause it and make it go backwards or forwards when you need to. On the video tutorial, you are watching someone else do the same thing you are doing and explain it, in clear words and kids' terms, and there is a blue circle showing where on the screen the person is tapping. You can follow the tutorial all the way through to make your own simple coding projects.
- Impressions: This app was excellent! Its use of tutorials works quite well and I think a lot of kids would eat something like this up. It is user-friendly and would fit very well into a STEM magnet school.
- Pass/Fail: Pass! This app is executed well and serves its purpose with excellence.