

Ed Software Evaluation

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Title: Evernote

Type of Software: Tool: It allows the user to create documents, or organization to documents. It can be used to create graphic organizers that would be very beneficial to the learning process and teacher can create handouts to aid her teaching or supplement a text or experiment. This app can make note-taking more effective and keep projects on track.

Version: Version 8.18

Publisher: Evernote

Target Audience: 4+

We think that this app is best used for our 5th graders and up. There are a lot of features on here and you would need to be able to navigate them easily in order for it to be effective. Also, you need to be at the level where this kind of note-taking is necessary.

Curriculum/How it might be used in our class: We think Evernote could be used as a way to organize essay writing. Students can make annotate notes on the steps of essay writing (or the steps of anything) if you give them a handout and they snap a photo of it. Students can use this in group work to keep up with member contributions or to create a checklist with reminders for the project that they're doing. Students can upload handout and notes, then use the search function to find a specific word that they're looking for. They can also create notes using the many note templates available. This app can also help students monitor their goals and behaviors.

Possible Environments and Why: It would need to be used in a mobile environment. It is an app and each user will need their own app and device. It also needs to be online in order to share or collaborate between apps. The projects do auto-save. Premium offers an option where you can see collaborator's projects even if they're offline.

Cost: Basic Version: Free. Premium: \$7.99 a month. Business: \$14.99 per user per month (minimum two users)

Paragraph Describing App: Evernote is a note-taking app. Evernote includes many templates that allows you to plan (yearly, monthly, weekly, or daily), track goals (money, weight, checklists), or take notes (it includes templates for various note taking methods). You can upload pictures, documents, or PDFs into Evernote and annotate them (PDF can only be annotated on premium). You can record meetings, add reminders, and draw using features of this app. The premium has a search feature that allows you to look for specific words in an uploaded handwritten note or a PDF. Teachers and students can use this to organize the information from a class and do projects with.

Impressions of Software: We liked Evernote. It wasn't all that easy to navigate and a lot of features are only for premium members. There is also a data limit that is pretty low for the Life Version that may be an issue. We DID love the many templates to take notes and organize with. Graphics could be made for science, notes could be taken and annotated on for any class, and reminders and organization checklists are good for any project (group or single student). The instructions aren't the only thing you'd need to navigate this app, a tour by the teacher or trail-and-error would be necessary. It has great features. It isn't all that flashy, but there are enough colors that it keeps your attention. While it's not the easiest app to use, we think it has definition possibilities for our classrooms.

Does it pass APPS: Yes. This app passes. It may be a little hard to navigate, but we think the benefits are worth it. It will help improve note-taking and reading comprehension.