

Hopscotch Evaluation Write-Up

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The app we evaluated was Hopscotch: coding for kids. We used version 3.32.1 by Hopscotch technologies. The Publisher states that the app is appropriate for ages 9-11 and we would agree with that. You can age it up or age it down, depending on the student's abilities. This app was a tutorial app because it teaches students a new skill and shows them how to code. This would fit into a technology curriculum or be a good special topic for a student who is interested in coding. This is a single-user app or a teacher tool because it did not lend itself to group projects but the teacher would like it because it stores all of the student's projects in one organized area. This app was free and we never found any in-app purchase options.

This app will teach you to code step-by-step with exciting videos. The software was colorful and fun. Hopscotch used videos and sounds to help kids understand how to code. It was organized and took each lesson step-by-step. It was organized and allowed for great project applications. You can add pictures and personalize each aspect. There is some freedom in this coding app, which makes it a positive experience.

Michaela liked this software from a teacher standpoint because "the teacher could have all of their student's projects in one place and could go check on their progress at any point." It was a colorful, interactive app with countless fun explanation videos to help any level learn to code. There was a little bit of a challenge, which might require some supervision, but as soon as student figure out how to work it, they will learn quickly. The sounds and videos enhance the app, according to Carinna, and Kayla said she would use it because "it was very appropriate for a 4-6 grade class."

Overall this software does pass. There were a few confusing issues, but overall, the software teaches you how to code successfully.