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most useful apps for special needs students

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- Pages** <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/pages/id361309726?mt=8>
Pages replaces the traditional pencil and paper. It helps special needs students write as well as create all kinds of documents: flyers, posters, letters, postcards, and more. Pages is very simple and user-friendly. Students quickly learn how to use its intuitive features.
- Flashcards** https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/flashcards*/id403199818?mt=8
Students love using Flashcards, because they make learning fun. Homework becomes an amusing game. Flashcards works with all academic subjects. The cards can be quickly and easily sorted into category sets and decks.
- Explain everything** <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/explain-everything/id431493086?mt=8>
This is a simple interactive whiteboard you can use to make animated, annotated, narrated class presentations. Perfect for “flip teaching” or the “backwards classroom.” Explain everything is also perfect for differentiated education: students learn at their own pace. This app has almost infinite possibilities, and it lets you share with students and colleagues alike.
- Keynote** <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/keynote/id361285480?mt=8>
A user-friendly PowerPoint-type app that lets students make professional-quality presentations. With its “stunning” new design and quick and easy options, it makes it simple for students to create impressive presentations.
- Reflector** <http://www.airsquirrels.com/reflector/>
This app allows truly interactive teaching and gets students motivated and engaged in learning.
- Comic Life** <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/comic-life-3/id891378056?mt=8>
Comic Life lends itself to all kinds of uses, from making a graduation album to creating a full comic book.
- GoodReader** <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/goodreader-for-ipad/id363448914?mt=8>
GoodReader works like a virtual binder for both teachers and students. It holds books, movies, maps, pictures, and more. And it’s very user-friendly.
- YouTube** <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/youtube/id544007664?mt=8>
The YouTube app is great for two main reasons: you can find and share videos to use for teaching, and your students can upload their own videos.
- Tellagami** <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/tellagami/id572737805?mt=8>
This mobile app lets you create and share short animated videos in which a “Gami” character tells the story or explains the lesson. Perfect for special needs students, who are often shy, because it removes much of the stress of presenting ideas: they are more apt to express themselves when they can do it via an avatar. Tellagami clips can also be combined into longer movies using other apps such as iMovie.
- iMovie** <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/imovie/id377298193?mt=8>
This simple but powerful app lets students make impressive videos and memorable presentations.
- Letris 4** <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/letris-4/id478540241?mt=8>
This highly popular app helps students learn words by having fun. As they play the game Letris, they build their vocabulary. The “beat the clock” feature adds a stimulating challenge.
- Numbers** <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/numbers/id361304891?mt=8>
Students can make simplified Excel-type spreadsheets with tables and graphs. They can also do math exercises like creating a budget and other hands-on calculations.
- Canada Provinces & Territories** <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/canada-provinces-territories/id628471308?mt=8>
In this addictive game, students learn about Canadian geography by matching entries before time runs out.
- 94 Degrees** <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/94-degrees/id751363884?mt=8>
A game app that helps students build their general knowledge in all kinds of subjects, including biology, geography, history, and more.



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15. **Popplet** <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/popplet/id374151636?mt=8>
Popplet is a simple way to organize ideas. Students can quickly sort information they find online. It's great for capturing facts, thoughts, and images and creating relationships between them to generate ideas for writing.
16. **Google Earth** <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/google-earth/id293622097?mt=8>
Students explore distant lands or get to know their own neighborhood. The Street View allows visualizing home towns, cities, and regions at street level. Students can make a virtual tour around the globe and view real-time events such as earthquakes and planes in flight.
17. **Facebook** <https://itunes.apple.com/app/facebook/id284882215>
These days when kids are reluctant to answer their email, Facebook provides a useful option. The idea is not to become "friends" with your students, but to create a class or school page so you can share all kinds of information. The teachers at the CFER de Bellechasse discovered how useful Facebook can be.
18. **Flipboard** <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/flipboard-your-social-news/id358801284?mt=8>
This app creates a personal magazine where students can follow news and topics that interest them.
19. **The Montreal Gazette** <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/the-montreal-gazette/id406389006?mt=8>
This app keeps you up to date on stories published in the Montreal Gazette. Read breaking news or download articles to read anytime.
20. **Educreations** <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/educreations-interactive-whiteboard/id478617061?mt=8>
This interactive whiteboard and screencasting tool is useful for annotating, animating, and narrating ideas and instructions to help students learn or let them show what they can do.
21. **Duolingo** <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/duolingo-learn-languages-for/id570060128?mt=8>
Good for learning English vocabulary in a fun way. Students enjoy the painless yet stimulating interface.
22. **My English Class** <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/my-english-class/id512702188?mt=8>
This app contains a complete offline written English course, with interactive verb, vocabulary, grammar, and listening exercises. Great for student practice.
23. **iTunes U** <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/itunes-u/id490217893?mt=8>
Provides teachers with access to all kinds of education content, including complete courses. Teachers can learn how to use the iPad in the classroom and get other teaching pointers.
24. **TeacherKit** <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/teacherkit-class-organizer/id389584618?mt=8>
A user-friendly app for managing time and activities: seating charts, grades, behavioral monitoring, attendance, tracking tasks, and other administrative tools.
25. **Pizza Fractions 1** <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/pizza-fractions-1/id374084320?mt=8>
A top-rated app that helps students master fractions using pizza slices: visually attractive and fun.
26. **Dexteria** <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/dexteria-fine-motor-skill/id420464455?mt=8>
This app helps students improve their fine motor skills, including handwriting.
27. **Wikipanion** <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/wikipanion-for-ipad/id364195592?mt=8>
Students can access Wikipedia quickly and easily on their iPad, online or offline.
28. **Adobe Photoshop Express** <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/adobe-photoshop-express/id331975235?mt=8>
A fun, fast, and easy way to edit photos for use in all types of projects.
29. **MyScript Calculator** <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/myscript-calculator-handwriting/id578979413?mt=8>
This intuitive calculator lets students "hand write" a math problem on the screen and get the solution in real time. Just like writing, except that the app produces the correct answer.
30. **Time Timer** <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/time-timer/id332520417?mt=8>
Special needs students often need help managing their time. Time Timer is a "countdown" app that makes the teacher's life easier by giving students the responsibility to time some of their own activities.

