



Top Apps for Academic Success – Android

Built-in Tools

- Calendar
- Mail
- Text to speech output
- Spell checker
- Magnification gestures
- Large text
- Voice input
- Swipe
- Word prediction and completion
- Personal dictionary

Reading



EZ PDF Reader

Price: \$3.99, free trial available

Description: This app allows you to read and annotate your PDFs. You can highlight, underline, write on, and type on your PDFs and use the voice reading feature to have the PDF read aloud to you. This app claims to be the best PDF annotator/text-to-speech app on the market and user reviews support this claim.



Speed Reader

Price: Free, upgrade for \$2.50

Description: Speed Reader is an app that allows users to quickly get through readings by rapidly flashing words on the screen. Users can control the number of the words shown at a time, the color scheme, and the speed in which the words are flashed from 0 to 600+ words per minute.



Voice Dream Reader

Price: \$9.99

Description: This app reads aloud PDF files, Word files, DAISY eBooks, Bookshare books, and webpages, and allows the user to view the files while the text being read is highlighted. Adjustments can be made to the speed of playback, voices, and colors and size of the display. Users can also annotate and export annotations for later review.



Audible for Android

Price: Free

Description: This app allows you to access your audiobooks and navigate chapters, bookmark, change narration speed, and play as you download the book. You can transfer books from your library to your device. Browse books through Audible.com.

Writing



SimpleMind

Price: Free, upgrade- \$7.99

Description: This app is a mind mapping tool that allows you to brainstorm, structure your thoughts, and collect ideas. You can create new topics, reconnect topics, and change colors, borders, and lines for more visual style. With the upgrade, you can export to an outline, link to webpages, add pictures, and more.



Ginger Keyboard

Price: Free

Description: This app allows you to write emails, texts and other original content and then checks your grammar, making suggestions for spelling and word choice as you go. Other features include advanced rephrasing, text reader, predictive text, swipe, and translation capabilities of more than 40 different languages.

Note Taking



Smart Voice Recorder

Price: Free

Description: This is a high quality voice recorder that is simple to use. This app continues to record even when the display is off. Share recordings via email, Dropbox, Drive, Bluetooth, and more.



HI-Q MP3 Recorder

Price: Free, upgrade for \$3.49

Description: Use this app to record audio in class, group meetings or even to create voice notes. The audio files are saved as MP3 files and can be shared by Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, USB and more. While audio files can be re-named, they are always tagged with the date and time of the recording. With the free version you only get 10 minutes of recording time.



AudioNote

Price: \$5.99, free lite version

Description: This note taking app synchronizes handwritten and typed notes with audio. It highlights notes during playback, automatically indexes your notes, includes a “palm guard”, offers desktop support to view your files, and you can add notes later. The lite version allows you to record for only five minutes at a time.

Studying



AnkiDroid

Price: Free

Description: AnkiDroid lets you create your own flashcards or download free decks. You can add text, images, and sounds. It uses spaced-repetition technology, and also offers text to speech and dictionary integration. The app also syncs with the desktop application, Anki.



Quizlet

Price: Free

Description: Quizlet let you study anything, anywhere. You can create your own flashcards or search millions created by others. You can study in 3 modes – Cards, Learn, and Match. It also seamlessly syncs with the website version.



StudyBlue Flashcards

Price: Free

Description: StudyBlue is a unique flashcard app in that it allows users to do more than just create their own flashcards. This app also has the option to connect with a specific college in order to search for current classes and access public material connected to those classes. Once connected, this app will pull any flashcards from the public material for users to review and save to their own folder.

Organization and Time Management



Business Calendar 2

Price: Free, Pro version is \$4.99

Description: This calendar app has a clean, professional display with month, week, day, year, and agenda views. You are able to color code appointments, add reminders and descriptions to events, and sync events with other calendars (e.g. Google calendar). The app also has an integrated task organizer which syncs with Google Tasks to help you keep track of to-do lists and stay organized.



Google Keep

Price: Free

Description: Create notes and lists, check off completed tasks, set time and place reminders, dictate your thoughts, add pictures, and color code notes with this app.



Evernote

Price: Free

Description: This app allows you to keep track of files across devices, take text notes, dictate audio notes, capture pictures, create to do lists, record voice reminders and audio notes, share notes easily, and index these notes by searchable key words.



ColorNote

Price: Free

Description: ColorNote is an easy to use notepad that allows you to set reminders, create to-do lists, and organize notes and checklists by color.



Pomicro

Price: Free

Description: Pomicro supports the “Pomodoro” technique – 25 minutes of studying, 5 minute break. The app includes a timer to count down study time and breaks. You can set audible notifications and adjust lengths of study and break times.

Productivity



Canvas

Price: Free

Description: Instantly access your Canvas courses. This app allows you to check your grades, see notifications, submit assignments, post to discussions, check off your to-do list, and more.



Dropbox

Price: Free

Description: Dropbox lets you save and share all your documents, photos, and videos. Dropbox automatically syncs files on your phone, tablet, laptop, and desktop for easy access. You get 2 GB of space for free.



Google Drive

Price: Free

Description: This apps lets you view and save documents, PDFs, photos, videos, and more. You can easily share files and folders with others, and quickly access recent files. All files are backed up safely so you can't lose them.