

Selecting the Right App an Individualized Rating Scale

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There are so many Apps out there and some many blogs it is easy to spend hours and a fortune on downloading 100's of Apps and find that few really serve the purpose or the students that you serve. Before you Click on the "In the App Store Button" do your homework on blogs and websites that review apps. Here are some that are good for special education:

- <http://pinterest.com/lasenders/> ****
- <http://www.lear.org/>
- <http://www.at4asd.org/gallery.htm>
- <http://spedapps2.wikispaces.com/>
- <http://coolappsforschools.wikispaces.com/>

Student _____ **Age** _____

State purpose or how the apps will be used to help your student or students. Be specific.

For example. *Lynn has a difficult time taking notes in class. She needs practice with sight words and math facts. She needs books that are of interest that she can read. She needs a quick method that she can respond to for her homework assignment. She needs a method to organize her work*

Purpose:

App_____ **App**_____ **App**_____ **App**_____

Rate all that apply

1 poor 2 average 3 good 4 excellent

	App1	App2	App3	App4
General App Design				
Easy to use an set up	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If instructions, instructions are clear	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Designs graphics appealing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sounds are appealing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interactive and engaging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
App promotes learning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Designed for a variety of students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
App has a purpose and is relevant to students learning goals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If the app creates a product can that product be shared.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Considerations for Developmental Disabilities

Limited choices on the screen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Choices are easy to get to	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Simple to use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wait time is minimal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recorded speech is good especially for speech models	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motivating and fun can maintain students attention	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Students are provided with feedback	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Record and shares student response	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Specific for Switch Access

Smart scan (scans what is needed)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Uses dedicated switch scanning with a switch box (Applicator, Blue2,Rj's Switch Box or both)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Switch Access</u>				
Single switch scan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Two switch scan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Auditory prompts or cues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adjustments to scan rate or speed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Touch sensitivity or hold time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Specific for Motor Access

Smart design (clear from an access or navigation perspective where to go)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Options for uses in terms of layout or features touch sensitivity or hold time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Each App will yield a different score for each individual student unless you have a group of similar students. The areas that are checked that are highlighted in bold should have the highest numbers based on your students needs.

