Appy Hour: Tech Tools for EF



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No relevant information to disclose.

What is Executive Functioning?

Think \rightarrow **Pair** \rightarrow **Share**



What is Executive Functioning?



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Inhibitory Control

Working Memory Cognitive Flexibility







Anatomy of the Brain



What Constitutes Executive Functioning?



EF Deficits Create Academic Challenges



How to Develop EF Skills

- 1. Describe the problem behaviors
- 2. Set a goal
- 3. Establish a procedure
- 4. Supervise the student following the procedure
- 5. Evaluate the process and make changes
- 6. Fade the supervision

Excerpt from "Executive Skills in Children and Adolescents," Peg Dawson & Richard Guare, The Guilford Press, 2004.

EF & Tech: Pause to Reflect

What are your strengths and obstacles when it comes to executive functioning and tech?



Tech Tools at Work

- Emotional investment
- Trial and error of apps
- 3-part learning curve
 - \circ Student
 - Parent
 - \circ Practitioner



What Makes a Good App?

- User experience
- Device syncing: accessibility across devices
- "Share-ability" with other users
- Integration with other apps and tools



GTD: Getting Things Done

- Big picture calendar overview
- Multiple alert systems
- Syncing across devices

Anv.do













MyHomework

- Input classes and schedule
- Customize and categorize assignments
 - Type
 - Due dates
 - Level of priority (Low, medium, high)
- Set reminders
- Connect with teachers



Toggle back and forth between weekly and month views



Split screen presentation of classes and homework

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	Teachers				Lab Report ① ④ Science	Mon, Mar 16 Lab

Categorize by date, priority, or assignment type

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Easily keep track of complete, late, and upcoming assignments

Attach files to specific assignments

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Add the MyHomework widget

Things

- Clean interface
- Syncs across devices
- Multiple views



"Today" shows a single day while "Upcoming" list shows everything on the list for the week ahead

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Chunk long term projects and schedule granular to dos

Prepare Presentation ····

iPad ᅙ

Keep your to do list organized

with headings

Keep the talk and slides simple: what are the three things about this that everyone should remember?

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Check off to dos as you complete tasks

Mind Mapping

- Hierarchical structure
- Visually based
- Starts with one focal point that then branches off
- Gives structure and meaning to ideas





- Platforms:
 - \circ iPad
 - \circ iPhone
 - Computer
- Requires Flash Player
- Share creations with others
- Access to others' popplets



Lucidchart



- Platforms:
 - Web, Windows, macOS, Android, Linux
- Real-time collaboration
- Presentation mode with ability to generate a URL





Digital Annotation & Note-Taking



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Notability



Notebook





Inhibition Tech Tools

- Reclaim control
- Quiet the noise
- Enhance productivity



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Inhibition Tech Tools

SelfControl

StayFocusd



Are you sure you want a whitelist block?

A whitelist block means that everything on the internet BESIDES your specified list will be blocked. This includes the web, email, SSH, and anything else your computer accesses via the internet. If a web site requires resources such as images or scripts from a site that is not on your whitelist, the site may not work properly.

Do not show this message again





Task Initiation

- Time awareness
- Multiple timers available
- Schedule work periods and breaks



Task Initiation





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What are opportunities you can pursue when it comes to executive function and tech?



