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This is a list to spark your imagination about different ways to use your handheld computer in education. This is an evolving list, so [let us know what ideas you have](#).

We also have a book, entitled **101 Great Educational Uses for Your Handheld Computer**. This book gives you the information you need to implement a handheld program in your school. It gives an overview of how handhelds can be used in schools and profiles a wide variety of applications for using handhelds in administration, communication and collaboration, and teaching and learning--all with a focus on education. Classroom management ideas, cross-curricular integration strategies, and detailed lesson plans make this a valuable guide for anyone using handhelds with students.

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101 GREAT EDUCATIONAL USES FOR YOUR HANDHELD COMPUTER

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Administrative Applications

1. Keep your schedule
2. Track student progress on specific skills
3. Conduct authentic assessment
4. Use a calculator
5. Make a database of key content and concepts for student use
6. Take attendance
7. Instantly access student information, such as schedules, demographics, or parent contacts
8. Organize your reading lists
9. Take notes at a meeting or in a class
10. Record and tabulate grades

11. Track computer hardware and software inventory
12. Enhance school safety with bar code IDs and an emergency management system
13. Store and access lesson plans
14. Use a rubric to assess and score student work
15. Access a database of curriculum standards and related curriculum resources
16. Keep an inventory of books and other instructional materials
17. Store and track student IEPs
18. Track technical support requests
19. Keep a list of all your important contacts
20. Evaluate teacher performance and record observation notes
21. Access, track, and manage library book or textbook inventories
22. Track, organize, and control inventories and safety information for chemicals in the lab
23. Let students have constant access to their current grades (very motivating!)
24. Track teacher recruiting activities
25. Access human resources benefits information
26. Look up technical troubleshooting information
27. Keep emergency procedures and checklists readily accessible

Communication and Collaboration Applications

28. Send an email
29. Group schedule school meetings
30. Collaborate on a graphic organizer
31. Send or receive a fax
32. Make a presentation
33. Make a phone call
34. Distribute school activity information to students and parents
35. Exchange information with a colleague
36. Share a downloaded web page with someone
37. Send assignment information home to parents
38. Have students turn in an assignment electronically
39. Get parents' sign-offs
40. Transfer a file from your PC for instant access
41. Write an ebook and share it with others
42. Take an online course
43. Send and receive instant messages
44. Conduct group writing activities
45. Record voice notes
46. Transmit closed captioning of lectures for the hearing impaired
47. Access online educational events and news

Teaching and Learning Applications

48. Take and store digital photos for a project
49. Make a spreadsheet
50. Draw a picture
51. Make a concept map summarizing a chapter
52. Form, visualize, and solve equations
53. Keep track of your class schedules, assignments, and grades
54. Record observations on a field trip
55. Read an ebook
56. Find locations with a GPS
57. Study and compose music
58. Graph data
59. View and use maps
60. Increase content accessibility for those with disabilities
61. Gather data on temperature, light, voltage, pH, and more with data probes
62. Program your own handheld application
63. Conduct a surveying expedition
64. Look up a word in a dictionary
65. Use flashcards
66. Use a tutorial for self-study
67. Conduct a stock market simulation
68. Take notes and write a research paper
69. Take notes in class
70. Practice handwriting
71. Study a foreign language
72. Listen to historic speeches
73. Take part in a collaborative simulation
74. Do research on the web
75. Conduct an academic competition
76. Gather and analyze data on environmental issues
77. Make a timeline
78. Look up a word in a thesaurus
79. Create an outline
80. Study for a test
81. Give students step-by-step instructions or visual plans for projects
82. Keep a journal
83. Create fitness records for students
84. Access writing prompts and editing checklists
85. Learn to read and write Japanese characters
86. Learn about concepts in measurement
87. Practice multiplication tables
88. Access the periodic table
89. Manage a collaborative project
90. Look at reference diagrams on parts of the human body
91. Make a photo album

92. Listen to and study classical music
93. Build a robot controlled by a handheld device
94. Track a community service learning project
95. Read about the latest current events
96. Study astronomy
97. Build vocabulary through word games
98. Find or create a geocache
99. Have classes create their own mobile information channels to share information with other classes or the community
100. Create a database of endangered species
101. Read historical primary source documents

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