

Easy, Awesome Math/Science/Social Studies/ELA Journals  
with the *DynaNotes Plus* App for Tablets

(adapted from *STEM Spectacular* presentation at CAST 2013, Houston George R. Brown Convention Center)

1. Students begin with the DynaNotes content – student-friendly, comprehensive coverage of the eligible TEKS
  - a. reference/scaffolding
    - i. through use, students (more quickly) build a strong foundation and have increased opportunities to apply content to higher-order thinking challenges – feel a sense of progress
    - ii. “ruler” for course – use to acknowledge progress
  - b. review
2. Students personalize their notes with their own questions, clarifications, comments, ideas, examples, work, etc.
  - a. Text Notes – type or copy/paste
    - i. Record questions
    - ii. Add clarification, mnemonic devices, examples
    - iii. Add links to helpful websites (automatic hyperlinking)
  - b. Photo Notes – activates camera
    - i. Teacher’s exemplars
    - ii. Student work
      1. Homework problems
      2. Graded test/quiz problems
      3. Projects, experiments
    - iii. Screen images
      1. Trade iPads
      2. Computer lab or station
      3. At home
    - iv. Real-world images
      1. Outdoors
      2. Indoors

- c. Sharing Notes – good, helpful notes go viral
  - i. Small group activity – focus on one section of content
    - 1. Present your favorite note to small group
    - 2. Describe why you chose it
    - 3. Others can copy it (type or photo of photo note)
    - 4. Vote for best note in the small group
    - 5. Winner chooses who, of the small group, will present that favorite note to the rest of the class
  - d. Student maintains control over his/her notes ... each student must choose to add each note → ownership, pride, and the “IKEA effect” (see Dan Ariely’s TED Talk on the psychology of effort)
- 3. Other features of *DynaNotes Plus*
  - a. Links to helpful 3<sup>rd</sup> party websites
    - i. Exploration/extension
    - ii. Assignment
    - iii. Flip lessons
  - b. Total *DNP* App Usage data
    - i. From home page or by email/website request for an Excel-based report (email login details to [appsupport@dynamnotes.com](mailto:appsupport@dynamnotes.com))
- 4. New features in *DNP* version 3.0
  - a. Supports multi-user functionality for a tablet that is used by more than one student, such as classroom sets of iPads -- will enable password protected note sets ... “add a user” ... so that only Sam can see and edit Sam’s notes
  - b. *DNP* version 3.0 for Android devices now available at [www.dynamnotes.com](http://www.dynamnotes.com)

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