

Tech Tip of the Week:

How to view flash on iPad



Puffin Academy

One of the biggest downsides to an iPad is that it cannot run adobe flash programs. In this weeks tech tip we answer the question: “How Can I get Adobe Flash Programs to work on the iPad?” Well the answer is simple; download and install the Puffin Academy from the App Store on your mobile devices. Puffin Academy is more than a mobile web browser that allows you to view flash based content for students in grades k-12, but it also provides an area were students can browse educational websites that are filtered so that only approved content is accessible.

To view a list of approved websites check out the following website:
<http://www.flashbrowser.com/APN/> . Listed below are just some of the sites that I found that had been approved by Puffin Academy:

- **ICurio**
- Brainpop
- SAS Curriculum Pathways
- IXL Mathematics
- Pearson SuccessNet
- Education City
- Apex Learning
- Discovery Education
- ReadWriteThink
- Compass Learning

ICurio:

If you go to the Support Center and click on Mobile Devices, you will find Accessing Flash-Based Content and based on their recommendation you should install Puffin Academy Web Browser on your iPad. This was the same thing that they stated during our Innovation Coordinator ICurio training in January.

How to Get the APP:

APP Store URL: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/puffin-academy/id716707933?mt=8>



Google Play App Store:
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.cloudmosa.puffinAcademy>



VERY IMPORTANT WHITELIST ITEM: Districts will need to work with their technology department to get the below domains whitelisted:

flashbrowser.com

<http://www.flashbrowser.com/APN/>

Final Note:

Although it will allow you to access flash based websites that have been approved, there are so many websites that haven't been approved. This is a downside to the Puffin Academy App for districts that use these sites. So, what can you do?

One solution is to use one of the other 2 Puffin Web Browsers, but each has its own cost.

- **Puffin Web Browser Free,**
 - **Benefit:** you can only enjoy flash based support from 6am to 6 pm
 - **Downside:**
 - Does not support a 24/7 learning environment.
 - Ads

- **Puffin Web Browser**
 - **Benefit:**
 - Unlimited Flash Access
 - No Ads
 - **Downside:**
 - Cost: \$3.99