

## Details

*8 Creative Ways to Use Podcasts with Students - 282*

*In this episode, we explore the many possibilities of using podcasts with students to liven up learning in your classroom. You'll discover new ways to engage students through storytelling, news, and interactive audio content. Whether you're looking to supplement lessons, ignite debates, or inspire students to create their own shows, this episode has you covered!*

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## Introduction

Hello there, and welcome to today's episode of the Easy EdTech podcast. My name is Monica Burns, and I am so glad you're here to join me today. If you want to make the most of education technology, AKA EdTech, you are in the right place. My goal has always been to help make EdTech easier and give you ideas to try yourself, share with a colleague, or bookmark for later in the school year.

Every Tuesday on the Easy EdTech podcast, you'll hear stories from my time in the classroom, my work with schools and districts, and my travels to different EdTech events. Get ready for solo episodes where I share some quick tips, stories, and interviews full of practical ideas and stories from new guests each month. If we mention something you'd like to check out, make sure to click the link. You'll find it in the episode description or the summary area where you're listening to this podcast, or you can find every episode and all of the resources we mention by going to [classtechtips.com/podcast](https://classtechtips.com/podcast) or by going to [classtechtips.com](https://classtechtips.com) and just clicking on the Easy EdTech Podcast button at the top of the page.

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## Today's Intro

This week's episode is titled: "8 Creative Ways to Use Podcasts with Students - 282"

Do you use educational podcasts in your classroom? Quick video clips, like the ones you find on YouTube, are often shared in classroom settings. They can help teachers kick off a new lesson, give students background on a topic, or help introduce kids of any age to a new concept. Podcasts are popular mediums for sharing information, interviews, and stories.

Educational podcasts can help teachers introduce students to a world of ideas, narratives, and expert insights, all with a press of a button. In today's episode, we'll explore a handful of ways you can use educational podcasts to create interactive learning experiences for your students. I've also included a few podcasts that I think are worthy of your attention.

What is a Podcast?

As you know (since you're listening to one right now), a podcast is essentially a digital audio show which you can stream or download for listening. When I play a podcast while emptying the dishwasher or folding laundry, I often think about the radio playing in my house growing up. Podcasts are available on-demand and cover a vast array of topics.

Podcasts often come in series, with new episodes released regularly. My [Easy EdTech Podcast](#) has new episodes every Tuesday – a schedule I've kept for almost five years. Some podcasts have more of a narrative feel with a start to finish. These ones typically have just a handful of episodes that tell a story from beginning to end. [Dolly Parton's America](#) is one of my favorite examples of this type of podcast.

Let's jump into ways to use podcasts for interactive learning experiences!

## Episode Transcript

### Using Educational Podcasts in Your Classroom

Whether you're working with kindergarteners or supporting high school students, there are plenty of ways to use podcasts in your classroom to foster interactive, engaging learning experiences. On today's list, I've pulled together a few favorites with a [handful of podcasts](#) to explore. These ideas aren't perfect for everyone, but you can pick and choose what resonates with you and tailor it to the needs of your students.

### Supplement Course Content

If you are teaching a topic and know your students ([or their families](#)) might want to dive deeper, you can supplement your course content and traditional resources with podcast suggestions.

### Introduce Storytelling Podcasts

A great way to introduce narrative structure is through storytelling podcasts. [Circle Round](#) is one example of a podcast full of start-to-finish stories, and it even has complementary coloring book pages on its website.

### Spark Debates

Many podcasts, particularly those focusing on current events, include guest speakers with different perspectives. After listening to an episode or clip together, students can [take part in a similar debate](#) modeling the structure of the episode.

### News Updates

Many news organizations, including [Axios](#) and the [New York Times](#), have podcasts that go live each morning with news updates. Although you might not play these each morning for students, they might help you make connections to current events with the content you are teaching.

### Read Aloud Spin

I love to read aloud, and there are great multimedia resources like [StorylineOnline](#) you can share with students. For an audio-only option, you might introduce a podcast to students in the same way you would introduce a read aloud story. Similar to how they may already interact with audiobooks, encourage students to pause and rewind when needed.

### Podcast Club

If your students show an interest in listening to podcasts, you might start a podcast club for them as an extracurricular activity. Students can come to a meeting with a podcast suggestion or recommendation to share with their peers and talk about what they like or don't like about the production of a podcast they regularly listen to.

## Create a Podcast

As students listen to podcasts, they might come up with ideas for their own. The more comfortable they become as consumers of this content can set them up for success as content creators. There are lots of tools that make starting a podcast easier than you might think. For example, you can check out [Soundtrap for Education](#) or [GarageBand](#).

In today's episode, we just scratched the surface of what's possible with educational podcasts. You might have students use podcasts in a foreign language class to practice listening skills, introduce a podcast with an [interview of a subject matter expert](#) or inspiring person, and the list goes on and on. Educational podcasts are a fantastic way to introduce more voices and representation in any subject area, too.

Ready to get started using educational podcasts this school year? Let me know what podcasts you've introduced to your group or a favorite activity you've tried out! Reply to my weekly newsletter to email me with the details of your educational podcast journey – just [sign up](#) with the link in the shownotes and it will go straight to your inbox.

### So let's make this EdTech easy with some key points from the episode...

Use podcasts for interactive learning in lessons and debates.

Engage with storytelling, news, and read-aloud podcasts.

Start a club for students to share their favorite podcasts.

Inspire content creation with tools like Soundtrap or GarageBand.

Remember, you can find the shownotes and the full list of resources from this episode on [classtechtips.com/podcast](https://classtechtips.com/podcast) and finding today's episode #282!

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### Outro

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