

## **Podcasting Curriculum Applications**

Podcasting is an excellent tool to develop oral reading fluency and writing skills as students have to research, plan, and write the scripts in advance and complete multiple audio takes before they are satisfied that the quality is good enough for broadcasting. (Carr, Try 'Podcasting' to Broaden Your PR Reach," *eSchool News Online*)

### **What fundamentals make podcasting a valid activity?**

- Promotes good writing, speaking, and communicating
- Good form of assessment
- Multisensory
- Another media to communicate with
- Students are using language
- Authentic activity going beyond the walls of the classroom
- Good motivator
- Application of technology (Warlick)

### **Curriculum Applications of Podcasts:**

#### **Objectives:**

- To develop reading fluency
- To develop reading, speaking, writing, and listening skills
- To acquire information
- To integrate technology
- To develop technology skills and applications
- To learn interact ways to communicate knowledge to real audiences
- To develop positive academic self-concept
- To develop sense of audience and purpose when reading, writing, and speaking
- To develop a student ownership of language
- To encourage active participation and learner-centered focus
- To develop multicultural awareness

#### **Students can:**

- **Listen to audio stories.**  
Story Nory  
<http://www.stornory.com/>  
AudioVox Audiobooks—Books and Poetry  
<http://librivox.org/librivox-catalogue/>
- **Listen to PDFs of stories that parents download and practice reading while listening to podcast of story.**  
Students in the Write: The Magical Menagerie at Morse  
<http://blog.tufsdbuilds.org/podcasts/>

- Write poems, paragraphs, and short stories.**  
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<http://blog.tufsdbuilds.org/podcasts/>  
 Penn Manor School District  
<http://www.pennmanor.net/podcast/>  
 Barrett Project Interaction—Icons of Black Poetry  
<http://barrettpi.blogspot.com/2006/04/icons-of-black-poetry.html>
- Listen to a book talk or book report.**  
 OBX Surfers  
[http://classblogmeister.com/blog.php?blog\\_id=62707](http://classblogmeister.com/blog.php?blog_id=62707)  
 Mabry Middle School—The Alamo book report  
[http://mabryonline.org/podcasts/archives/2005/12/the\\_alamo\\_book.html](http://mabryonline.org/podcasts/archives/2005/12/the_alamo_book.html)  
 Hopkinton High School & Middle School Library Booktalk Podcasts of Teen Read Awards  
<http://www.hopkintonschools.org/hhs/library/podcast.html>
- Create songs, reader’s theater, radio drama, or play/skit scripts.**  
 iPod in the Classroom—Learning Math with Music  
<http://www.apple.com/education/ipod/lessons/>  
 iPod in the Classroom—Radio Show  
<http://www.apple.com/education/ipod/lessons/>  
 Penn Manor School District  
<http://www.pennmanor.net/podcast/>  
 Barrett Project Interaction—Come Little Leaves Come  
<http://barrettpi.blogspot.com/2005/11/come-little-leaves.html>  
 Barrett Project Interaction—Runaway Pizza  
<http://barrettpi.blogspot.com/2006/01/runaway-pizza.html>  
 Barrett Project Interaction—Twas the Night of Thanksgiving  
<http://barrettpi.blogspot.com/2006/01/twas-night-of-thanksgiving.html>  
 Cranbrook Composers’ Podcasts  
<http://cranbrookcomposers.blogspot.com/2005/11/kingswood-podcast-3-aggy-alicia-and.html>  
 EPN Network (Owl Bytes)—Brother Against Brother, Radio Play about the Civil War  
[http://epnweb.org/index.php?request\\_id=318&openpod=17#anchor17](http://epnweb.org/index.php?request_id=318&openpod=17#anchor17)
- Interview another student about a topic.**  
 Mill Creek, Mr. Jaffe, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
<http://www.cbsd.org/millcreek/jaffe/podcast/march/index.html>  
 Cranbrook Composers’ Podcasts  
<http://cranbrookcomposers.blogspot.com/2005/11/kingswood-podcast-3-aggy-alicia-and.html>  
 iPod in the Classroom—iPod Reporters  
<http://www.apple.com/education/ipod/lessons/>
- Interview an expert.**  
 Room 208—Bob Sprankle  
<http://bobsprankle.blogspot.com/2005/10/rom-208-podcast-bonus-show-donn.html>

iPod in the Classroom—An Audio Travel Album

<http://www.apple.com/education/ipod/lessons/>

iPod in the Classroom—iPod Reporters

<http://www.apple.com/education/ipod/lessons/>

- **Create commercials.**
- **Create broadcasts about local history or culture.**

Mill Creek, Mr. Jaffe, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
<http://www.cbsd.org/millcreek/jaffe/podcast/january/index.html>

iPod in the Classroom—Newcomers Learn Local History  
<http://www.apple.com/education/ipod/lessons/>
- **Create an oral history about a relative and a certain time period.**

Mabry Middle School—Social Studies Project Part 1  
[http://mabryonline.org/podcasts/archives/2005/11/social\\_studies.html](http://mabryonline.org/podcasts/archives/2005/11/social_studies.html)

iPod in the Classroom—Oral Histories  
<http://www.apple.com/education/ipod/lessons/>
- **Create a conversation, etc. in a foreign language that is being studied.**

Radio Cambridge—Cambcast #5  
<http://www.ahisd.net/campuses/cambridge/podcasts/espanol.htm>

Mabry Middle School—French Jump Rope Song  
[http://mabryonline.org/podcasts/archives/2005/08/the\\_french\\_jump.html](http://mabryonline.org/podcasts/archives/2005/08/the_french_jump.html)

Mabry Middle School—Spanish Podcast Debut  
[http://mabryonline.org/podcasts/archives/2005/11/spanish\\_podcast.html](http://mabryonline.org/podcasts/archives/2005/11/spanish_podcast.html)

iPod in the Classroom—Newcomers Learn Local History (in English and native language)  
<http://www.apple.com/education/ipod/lessons/>

iPod in the Classroom—Learning World Languages  
<http://www.apple.com/education/ipod/lessons/>
- **Listen to directions for a science experiment or any other classroom assignment.**

iPod in the Classroom—Digital Science Experiments  
<http://www.apple.com/education/ipod/lessons/>

Today's Podcasting News—Biology at WHS (Quick review with assignments)  
<http://www.podcastingnews.com/details/whs.wsd.wednet.edu/sci/lorenson/Podcasts/lorenson.dtd/view.htm>

Today's Podcasting News—Biology at WHS (Florida river turtle worksheet and Lab 3.2 competition)  
<http://www.podcastingnews.com/details/whs.wsd.wednet.edu/sci/lorenson/Podcasts/lorenson.dtd/view.htm>

Today's Podcasting News—Biology at WHS (Organisms and pH plus Biology Forums)  
<http://www.podcastingnews.com/details/whs.wsd.wednet.edu/sci/lorenson/Podcasts/lorenson.dtd/view.htm>
- **Create round table discussions about curriculum topics.**

Today's Podcasting News—Biology at WHS (Round table discussion about video and notes)

<http://www.podcastingnews.com/details/whs.wsd.wednet.edu/sci/lorenson/Podcasts/lorenson.dtd/view.htm>

- **Create an audio tour of the zoo, a landmark, etc.**  
Radio Cambridge—Cambcast #2  
<http://www.ahisd.net/campuses/cambridge/radio/cambcast2.htm>  
Mabry Middle School—7<sup>th</sup> Grade Jekyll Expedition: Meet GEO  
[http://mabryonline.org/podcasts/archives/2006/02/7th\\_grade\\_jekyl\\_3.html](http://mabryonline.org/podcasts/archives/2006/02/7th_grade_jekyl_3.html)  
iPod in the Classroom—iPod Audio Tour (Zoo)  
<http://www.apple.com/education/ipod/lessons/>
- **Create a digital field trip report.**  
iPod in the Classroom—Digital Field Trip Report  
<http://www.apple.com/education/ipod/lessons/>
- **Create study guides for tests, units, etc.**
- **Reflect on learning.**  
Radio Gateway Podcast #5  
<http://www.mlsd66.ca/~gatewaygr/gateway/mp3/Lewis-Podcast.mp3>
- **Create a “sound seeing” orientation tour for new students or incoming grades.**  
Mabry Middle School—What It’s Like to Move to a New School  
[http://mabryonline.org/podcasts/archives/2005/11/whats\\_it\\_like\\_t.html](http://mabryonline.org/podcasts/archives/2005/11/whats_it_like_t.html)
- **Record literature circle discussions.**  
Room 208—Bob Sprankle  
[http://bobsprankle.blogspot.com/2005/08/room-208-podcast-summer-literature\\_17.html](http://bobsprankle.blogspot.com/2005/08/room-208-podcast-summer-literature_17.html)
- **Broadcast concerts.**  
Room 208—Bob Sprankle  
[http://bobsprankle.blogspot.com/2005/07/room-208-podcast-bonus-sho\\_112050368326779641.html](http://bobsprankle.blogspot.com/2005/07/room-208-podcast-bonus-sho_112050368326779641.html)  
Barrett Project Interaction—Phantom of the Music Room Part 1 of 5  
<http://barrettpi.blogspot.com/2006/02/phantom-of-music-room1.html>
- **Create historical reenactments.**
- **Record the school newspaper articles.**
- **Create an oral presentation.**  
Room 208—Bob Sprankle  
<http://bobsprankle.com/blog/C1697218367/E1423567370/index.html>  
Barrett Project Interaction—Come Little Leaves Come  
<http://barrettpi.blogspot.com/2005/11/come-little-leaves.html>  
Mabry Middle School—Language Arts Research Papers  
[http://mabryonline.org/podcasts/archives/2005/10/language\\_arts\\_r.html](http://mabryonline.org/podcasts/archives/2005/10/language_arts_r.html)  
Mabry Middle School—Science Fair Winners  
[http://mabryonline.org/podcasts/archives/2006/03/science\\_fair\\_wi.html](http://mabryonline.org/podcasts/archives/2006/03/science_fair_wi.html)
- **Create a music video.**  
Barrett Project Interaction—Is There Life on Mars?  
<http://barrettpi.blogspot.com/2006/04/is-there-life-on-mars.html>
- **Create notes for a class or topic.**
- **Create a recording telling what they have learned.**

- Mill Creek, Mr. Jaffe, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
<http://www.cbsd.org/millcreek/jaffe/podcast/index.html>
- **Create Podcast Poetry Cafes.**  
 mrcoley.com  
<http://www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/tovashal/bcoley/coleycast/coleycast03.htm>  
 Barrett Project Interaction  
<http://barrettpi.blogspot.com/2005/11/come-little-leaves.html>
  - **Listen to podcasts to gain knowledge about topics, cultures, etc.**  
 Radio WillowWeb  
<http://www.mpsomaha.org/willow/radio/listen.html>  
 mrcoley.com  
<http://www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/tovashal/bcoley/coleycast/index.htm>  
 Radio Cambridge—Cambcast #1  
<http://www.ahisd.net/campuses/cambridge/radio/cambcast1.htm>  
 Radio Cambridge—Cambcast #2  
<http://www.mlsd66.ca/~gatewaygr/gateway/mp3/carr-november.mp3>  
 Radio Cambridge—Cambcast #3  
<http://www.ahisd.net/campuses/cambridge/podcasts/schoolmov.htm>  
 Radio Gateway—Cambcast #5  
<http://www.mlsd66.ca/~gatewaygr/gateway/mp3/Lewis-Podcast.mp3>  
 Dream Extreme Student Podcasts  
<http://dreamextreme.us/podcast/>  
 Our Media.org—The Roaring Twenties Podcast—10<sup>th</sup> graders  
<http://www.ourmedia.org/node/90796>  
 Our Media.org—Middle School Technology Literacy Topics  
<http://www.ourmedia.org/node/162622>
  - **Create book reviews.**  
 Radio Gateway Podcast #1  
<http://www.mlsd66.ca/~gatewaygr/gateway/mp3/october-keir.mp3>  
 Radio Cambridge—Cambcast #2  
<http://www.mlsd66.ca/~gatewaygr/gateway/mp3/carr-november.mp3>

**Teachers can:**

- **Create directions for an assignment.**  
 Today's Podcasting News—Biology at WHS (Florida river turtle worksheet and Lab 3.2 competition)  
<http://www.podcastingnews.com/details/whs.wsd.wednet.edu/sci/lorenson/Podcasts/lorenson.dtd/view.htm>  
 Today's Podcasting News—Biology at WHS(Organisms and pH plus Biology Forums)  
<http://www.podcastingnews.com/details/whs.wsd.wednet.edu/sci/lorenson/Podcasts/lorenson.dtd/view.htm>
- **Create study guides or test review information.**  
 Today's Podcasting News—Biology at WHS (Summary and hints about exam)

<http://www.podcastingnews.com/details/whs.wsd.wednet.edu/sci/lorenson/Podcasts/lorenson.dtd/view.htm>

Today's Podcasting News—Biology at WHS (Chapter 3 Review)

<http://www.podcastingnews.com/details/whs.wsd.wednet.edu/sci/lorenson/Podcasts/lorenson.dtd/view.htm>

- **Create lectures/notes lesson plans for review or for absent students.**

Today's Podcasting News—Biology at WHS (Quick review of today and week)

<http://www.podcastingnews.com/details/whs.wsd.wednet.edu/sci/lorenson/Podcasts/lorenson.dtd/view.htm>

Today's Podcasting News—Biology at WHS (Lecture in 3<sup>rd</sup> period)

<http://www.podcastingnews.com/details/whs.wsd.wednet.edu/sci/lorenson/Podcasts/lorenson.dtd/view.htm>

- **Inform parents about what students are learning and how they are learning.**

Penn Manor School District

<http://www.pennmanor.net/podcast/>

- **Use podcasts as forms of assessment.**

iPod in the Classroom—Listening to Letter Sounds

<http://www.apple.com/education/ipod/lessons/>

iPod in the Classroom—Speech and Language Samples

<http://www.apple.com/education/ipod/lessons/>

Loiusa-Muscatine Elementary—Using Video iPods as Test-taking Tools

<http://homepage.mac.com/lmelem/websites/iMovieTheater21.html>

- **Create announcements for parents about special events, assignments, etc.**

Penn Manor School District

<http://www.pennmanor.net/podcast/>

Radio Gateway Podcast #4

<http://www.ml66.ca/~gatewaygr/gateway/mp3/jan-newsletter.mp3>

Mabry Middle School—Principal Welcome

[http://mabryonline.org/podcasts/archives/2005/08/dr\\_tysons\\_chall\\_1.html](http://mabryonline.org/podcasts/archives/2005/08/dr_tysons_chall_1.html)

- **Create directions for substitute teachers**