



Podcasts for Students

Podcast	Grade Bands	Key Characteristics	Structure	Educational Application
Wow in the World	K-5	Wildly popular educational podcast that takes listeners on thrilling adventures through science, engaging storytelling with sound effects	Co-hosted narrative with interactive segments	Perfect for integrating into science, literacy, and inquiry-based learning
Story Pirates	K-8	Stories created from kids' ideas, professional actors perform stories	Narrative performance with original music	Creative writing inspiration, storytelling skills, and imagination development
But Why: A Podcast for Curious Kids	K-8	Answers real questions from children, expert interviews, conversational tone	Q&A format with expert guests	Encourages inquiry-based learning and critical thinking across subjects
Circle Round	K-12	Folktales from around the world, musical adaptations	Narrative storytelling with original music	Cultural awareness, literature appreciation, and global perspectives



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Who Smarted?	2-8	Creation from innovative minds behind hit science TV shows, quiz-style format with humor	Interactive Q&A with educational content	STEM learning, critical thinking, and general knowledge building
Brains On!	2-8	Science-focused with kid co-hosts, interactive sound puzzles	Co-hosted format with student participation	Science education, STEM concepts, and scientific method exploration
Tumble Science Podcast	2-8	Stories of scientific discovery, accessible explanations of complex topics	Interview and narrative hybrid format	Science history, research methods, and inspiring STEM careers
Short & Curly	2-8	Ethics and philosophy for kids, real-world dilemmas	Discussion format with moral scenarios	Critical thinking, ethics education, and philosophical reasoning
Radiolab for Kids	2-8	Simplified version of adult Radiolab, science and philosophy topics	Sound-rich narrative with interviews	Scientific inquiry, wonder-based learning, and complex topic exploration
The Past & The Curious	2-8	History topics presented as mysteries to solve	Mystery/investigation format	History education, research skills, and analytical thinking



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<u>Smash Boom Best</u>	2-8	Debate format pitting two topics against each other	Structured debate with kid judges	Argumentation skills, research techniques, and critical analysis
<u>This American Life</u>	6-12	Combines personal stories, journalism, and even stand-up comedy for an enthralling hour of content	Host Ira Glass weaves together several "acts" or segments on a big theme	Media literacy, storytelling techniques, current events analysis
<u>Civics 101</u>	6-12	Shares expository lessons on civics, current events, and government.	Mixed format	Civics education, media literacy, recap, current events, analysis
<u>Stuff You Missed in History Class</u>	7-12	Lesser known historical figures and events presented through narrative storytelling, with emphasis on diverse perspectives	Narrative episodes covering unusual or untold stories; listeners can choose topics of interest	History education focusing on underrepresented voices, research skills, critical thinking about historical narratives, and understanding diverse cultural perspectives