

Study Island Review

Pros

- Tailored to Ohio standards with teacher resources.
- Each student can work at his own pace and his own level until he masters the specific topic that is being worked on.
- Games are fun for the kids in grades K-3.
- For interventions for skills only where the student teacher ratio is lower (or during technology time).

Cons

- Not user-friendly for the kids
- The drag and drops are too difficult and do not mirror Ohio State Tests (OST) drag and drop.
- Majority of students cannot get on an iPad and do the standard without constant help due to vague or misleading directions.
- Students may lose interest due to repetition. Many of the games are geared towards younger students. Older students may find some of the games to be monotonous. The repetition of the system can cause students to lose interest.
- Only focuses on the skill and not in-depth knowledge of the content/ question framework formatted by the Ohio State Tests.

Bottom Line

Study Island is a web-based educational system for students in grades k-12 and is available for both at-home learning and as a supplement to in-school instruction. Students attempt to master concepts that they may have previously struggled with by playing games and reading books. Study Island offers help in ELA, math, science, and social studies courses, along with practice and classroom assessments for parents and teachers to monitor progress and analyze how well the student is learning. **However, Study Island is a tool as many other tools and should not be used as a supplement for instruction within the classroom. If you are attempting to have your students work on OST formatted questions and graphics, this is not the correct tool to use for that particular purpose. This tool should be strictly used for improving a given skill set for repetition/intervention purposes.**

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Additional Options

1. **NWEA Skills Navigator**- Questions aligned to state standards and OST test format. Offers many of the features of Study Island, as well. If you would like additional information on this, please let me know and the Assessment office can help with training on this.
2. **Edcite**- Participate in Edcite's Ohio Common Assessment initiative and send students a released **Ohio State Test** in an **AIR-aligned viewer** on Edcite. Simply select the assessment and share the link with students.
 - **Immediate feedback for students**
 - **Real-time data for teachers**
 - **Aligned practice for the end of year state test**

Link: https://www.edcite.com/ohio-common-assessments?utm_source=ZohoCampaigns&utm_campaign=Jan_OH_Existing+Edcite+User_2018-01-11_1&utm_medium=email