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Nearpod

The Insider's Guide

Interactive K-12 lessons with built-in questions and activities

Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among presentation tools, read from Nearpod's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Nearpod's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Nearpod's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 12, 2026.

Welcome

What it is, who it suits, its grades and the ten things to know first

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GPA, above 27 of the 51 other presentation tools we grade

Nearpod is a K-12 teaching platform for building and running interactive lessons, videos and activities with built-in formative assessments. Lessons run live or at the students' own pace, and a library of ready-made lessons is included. Individual teachers can start free and pay for more storage and student seats, while schools and districts are quoted a license. Nearpod has been part of Renaissance Learning since 2021.

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> **Teachers build or adapt lessons from slides, and rosters need school set-up.**
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> From our grade for ease of use

To get you started, here are **9 things to know about Nearpod**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

1 **Best for interactive lessons for a classroom**

Nearpod turns slides into lessons with polls, quizzes and drawing for students on their own devices.

2 **Paid plans start at $13.25 a month when paid by the year**

As its pricing page puts it: $159 per year (Gold, individual educators).

3 There is a free plan

Silver is free: 300 MB of storage and up to 40 students joining each lesson, with the core features.

4 It runs on 3 platforms

Web, iOS and Android.

5 Interactive lessons

Lessons, videos and activities combine slides with 20+ formative assessment types and can be run live or student-paced.

6 Nearpod Library

A library of standards-aligned lessons, activities and interactive videos, said to be made with 70+ publishers. Free and individual plans can save items up to the storage limit.

7 Import your own files

Existing PowerPoint, PDF and Google Slides files can be uploaded and turned into interactive lessons.

8 A 2.4 GPA, above 27 of 51

That is against the other presentation tools we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

9 Keep it

Nothing Nearpod does is plain enough to make in a weekend. The 4 things listed below take a company.

Nearpod at a glance

PRICING Free plan, from $159 per year (Gold, individual educators)	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web, iOS, Android
MADE BY Nearpod (part of Renaissance Learning)	CATEGORY Presentations
OUR GRADE 2.4 GPA, fair	STORE RATING 3.1 on the App Store, 1,893 ratings

The report card

Best for interactive lessons for a classroom

Nearpod turns slides into lessons with polls, quizzes and drawing for students on their own devices. Silver is free for 40 students a lesson and 300 MB. Gold is $159 a year, and co-teaching, LMS links and student accounts sit on school and district licences that are quoted.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD — **Nearpod** — Graded Nov 12, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	Gold is $159 a year, about $13 a month, and Platinum is $397 a year. Schools get a quote.
Free plan and trial	B	Silver is free for good, with 20+ formative question types, 40 students a lesson and 300 MB of storage. One teacher can live on that, until a class goes over 40.
Features	C	Interactive lessons, a library, file import and real-time results. Co-teaching, live annotation, student accounts and LMS links are on school licences.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record. Teachers build or adapt lessons from slides, and rosters need school set-up.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web, iOS and Android, with Google Slides, PowerPoint, YouTube and LMS links. No desktop app is listed.

Grade point average — Fair, out of 4.0 **2.4**

An A is worth 4 points, a B 3, a C 2, a D 1 and an F nothing. The GPA is the average of the five.

Who Nearpod is for

- ✓ Fits if you teach a class of up to 40 and want to see every student's answer live
- ✓ Works for schools that buy a district licence and want LMS rostering

Who it is not for

- ✕ Tight if you stay free: 300 MB and 40 students a lesson, and Gold lifts that only to 75
- ✕ Pricey if you want AI Create, the Google Slides add-on or sub plans, as that is Gold at $159 a year
- ✕ Skip it if you need co-teaching, student accounts or LMS links, as those are school and district licences with no public price
- ✕ Watch out: Nearpod Math and Social Studies are listed as school and district programs

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ K-12 teachers who want to turn slides into interactive lessons
- ✓ Schools needing LMS and rostering integration
- ✓ Teachers who need ready-made standards-aligned lessons

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Individual plans cap how many students can join: 40 on Silver, 75 on Gold and 90 on Platinum.
- ⓘ Silver's 300 MB of storage also limits how much of the library a teacher can save.
- ⓘ Co-teaching, live annotation, student accounts, LMS and LTI integrations are on school and district licenses, which are quoted.
- ⓘ Nearpod Math and Nearpod Social Studies programs are listed as school and district features.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

Every plan, the free plan, ways to pay less and how prices have moved

$13.25

A month to start, paid by the year. There is a free plan too

Nearpod has a free plan. Paid plans start at $159 per year (Gold, individual educators).

SILVER

$0

300 MB storage and 40 student joins per lesson, with 20+ formative assessment types and access to the Nearpod Library up to the storage limit.

GOLD

$159

per year, for individual educators

Adds the AI Create question generator, Google Slides add-on, drag and drop, sub plans, 1 GB storage and 75 student joins per lesson.

PLATINUM

$397

per year, for individual educators

Everything in Gold plus student notes, 5 GB storage and 90 student joins per lesson.

SCHOOLS & DISTRICTS

Custom

Unlimited storage, 250 student joins per lesson, co-teaching, LMS and rostering integrations, admin dashboards and a customer success manager. Request a quote.

The free plan

Silver is free: 300 MB of storage and up to 40 students joining each lesson, with the core features.

Read from nearpod.com on Nov 12, 2026.

What it does

Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

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Places it runs: Web, iOS and Android

Interactive K-12 lessons with built-in questions and activities. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: AI features, real-time collaboration, presentations.

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Interactive lessons, a library, file import and real-time results.

From our grade for features

Interactive lessons

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Nearpod Library

A library of standards-aligned lessons, activities and interactive videos, said to be made with 70+ publishers. Free and individual plans can save items up to the storage limit.

Import your own files

Existing PowerPoint, PDF and Google Slides files can be uploaded and turned into interactive lessons.

AI Create

Generates multiple-choice questions on Gold and above, and activities and lessons on school and district licenses.

Real-time insight

Teachers see live responses and get post-session reports. Schools get admin reporting dashboards.

District tools

School and district licenses add co-teaching, shared libraries, student accounts and LMS, LTI and rostering integrations.

Where it runs

Web · iOS · Android

What it works with

Google Slides · PowerPoint · LMS and LTI · YouTube

Nearpod is made by Nearpod (part of Renaissance Learning).

PART 04 · STANDING

Where it stands

Its grades against its category, and whether to keep it or make your own

27/51

Other presentation tools it is graded above

Nearpod's GPA of 2.4 is higher than 27 of the 51 other presentation tools we grade, and level with 9.

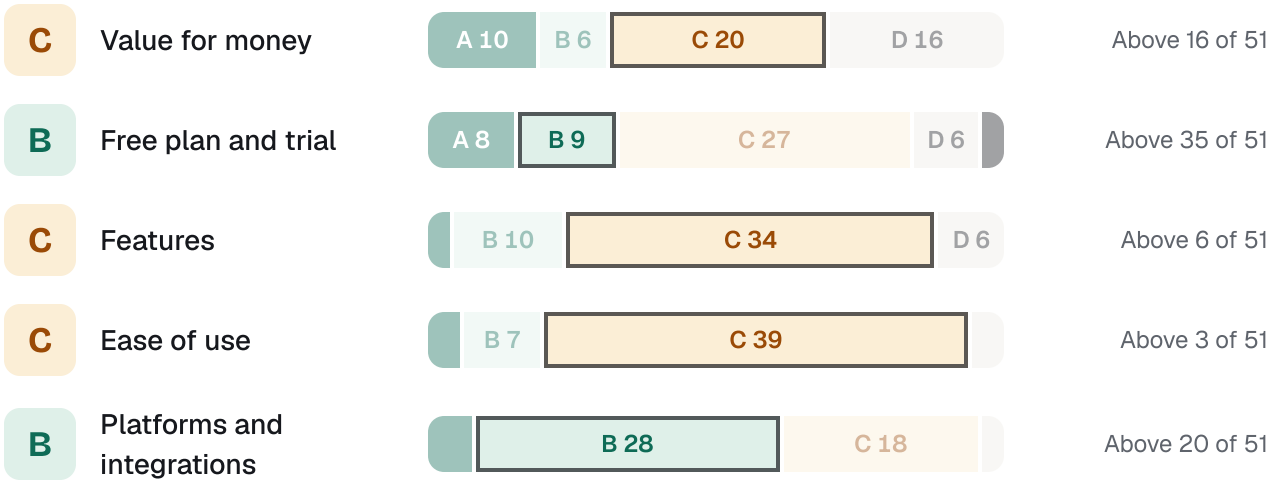
It stands best on free plan and trial (B, above 35 of 51) and worst on ease of use (C, above 3).

Its paid plans start at $13.25 a month when paid by the year, against a middle price of $10 for the category: 27 of the 37 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.3 out of 4. 9 tools score higher and cost less.

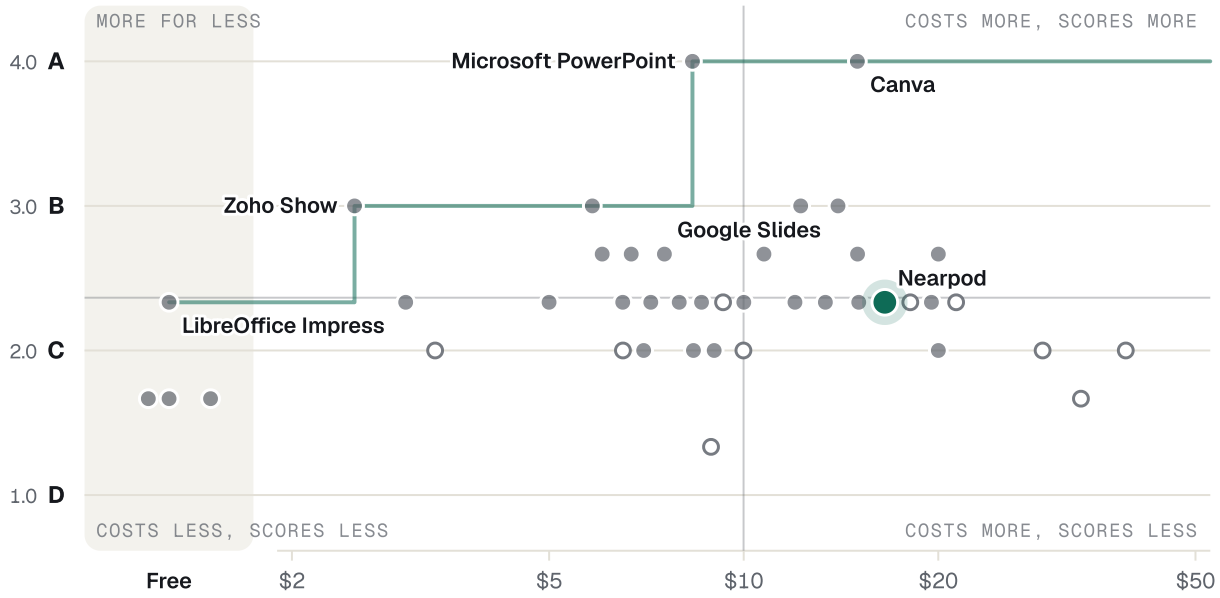
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 52 presentation tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. Nearpod's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 42 presentation tools. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Nearpod is the marked dot.



What paid plans start at, a month (each step along is roughly double)

Keep it, or make your own?

Whether this is something you could build for yourself with an AI app builder, and what you would give up.

Keep it

Nothing Nearpod does is plain enough to make in a weekend. The 4 things listed below take a company.

It costs $159 a year.

What you could not

- ✕ A slide editor.
- ✕ A real app for iOS and Android. Something home-made would be a web page.
- ✕ Several people working in it at the same moment.

- ✕ AI features, unless you pay a model provider for each request yourself.

What this rests on. Nearpod's listing: what it does, where it runs, what it plugs into and what it costs. It is a judgement about the kind of software this is. We have not built a replacement for it, and making your own means looking after it too. How we decide, and every tool's verdict.

The alternatives

The tools it is most often weighed against, side by side



Pear Deck, Mentimeter, Poll Everywhere, AhaSlides and Wooclap

The 5 tools Nearpod is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

Pear Deck

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Free plan · from $149/yr

Interactive classroom presentations with live student responses.

- Only Nearpod lists iOS and Android apps.
- Pear Deck also covers templates.

Nearpod and Pear Deck compared in full

Mentimeter

2.0 GPA

Free plan · from €14/mo

Interactive presentations with live polls, quizzes and Q&A.

- Only Nearpod lists iOS and Android apps.
- Mentimeter also covers templates and surveys.

Nearpod and Mentimeter compared in full

Poll Everywhere

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Free plan · from $10/mo

Live audience polling that works inside slide decks.

- Only Nearpod lists iOS and Android apps.
- Poll Everywhere also covers surveys and reports.

Nearpod and Poll Everywhere compared in full

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AhaSlides

Free plan · from $7.95/mo

Interactive presentations with live quizzes, polls and word clouds.

- Only Nearpod lists iOS and Android apps.
- AhaSlides also covers templates and surveys.

Nearpod and AhaSlides compared in full

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Wooclap

Free plan · from $13/mo

Live polls, quizzes and word clouds for classes and training.

- Only Nearpod lists iOS and Android apps.
- Wooclap also covers surveys.

Nearpod and Wooclap compared in full

PART 06 · QUESTIONS

Quick answers

The questions people ask about it, each answered in a line or two

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Questions, each answered in a line or two

The short version of everything above, for when you only need the answer. Each one is told in full in its part of the guide.

Is Nearpod free?

Nearpod has a free plan. Silver is free: 300 MB of storage and up to 40 students joining each lesson, with the core features.

How much does Nearpod cost?

Nearpod lists 4 plans. Silver: $0.

What platforms does Nearpod work on?

Nearpod is available on Web, iOS and Android.

How is Nearpod rated?

Nearpod's iPhone and iPad app averages 3.1 out of 5 from 1,893 ratings on the App Store in the United States, as read on Nov 13, 2026.

Does Nearpod have a Windows app?

No Windows app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. Nearpod is listed for Web, iOS and Android.

Does Nearpod have a macOS app?

No macOS app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 12, 2026. Nearpod is listed for Web, iOS and Android.

Is Nearpod open source?

Nearpod is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 12, 2026.

What does Nearpod integrate with?

Nearpod's listing names Google Slides, PowerPoint, LMS and LTI and YouTube.

Who makes Nearpod?

Nearpod is made by Nearpod (part of Renaissance Learning).

What are the alternatives to Nearpod?

The closest alternatives to Nearpod in our directory are Pear Deck, Mentimeter, Poll Everywhere, AhaSlides and Wooclap.

How does Nearpod compare with other presentation tools?

Nearpod's GPA of 2.4 is higher than 27 of the 51 other presentation tools we grade, and level with 9.

Is Nearpod good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Nearpod C for value for money. Its paid plans start at $13.25 a month when paid by the year, against a middle price of $10 for the category: 27 of the 37 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of Nearpod?

Nothing Nearpod does is plain enough to make in a weekend. The 4 things listed below take a company.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Nearpod's own pages on Nov 12, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 12, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from Nearpod's own pages on 12 November 2026. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews.

Every tool we list gets five grades, A to F, each with its reason, and a GPA that averages them. How each is decided is at toolgpa.com/grades. This guide is ToolGPA's own work; it is not made, paid for or approved by Nearpod (part of Renaissance Learning). Prices change, so check nearpod.com before you buy.

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Tools graded, in 95 categories

ToolGPA grades software the way a school report grades a pupil: five subjects, a letter for each with the reason written beside it, and a GPA that averages them. Prices, plans and platforms are read from each maker's own pages and dated, so you always know how fresh a figure is.

Every grade, review and ranking on ToolGPA is our own judgement. No company can pay for a grade or change one. Every tool on the site has a guide like this one, free to download and pass on. It all lives at toolgpa.com.

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tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

Nearpod, kept up to date

Everything in this guide, with prices and grades as they are today

toolgpa.com/tools/nearpod

How grades are given

The rules behind every letter and every GPA

toolgpa.com/grades

Value charts

What each tool costs against what it scores, for every category

toolgpa.com/charts

Compare

Any two tools side by side, plan by plan

toolgpa.com/compare

Price changes

Every price rise and cut on record, each with its source

toolgpa.com/price-changes

Prices by country

What apps cost on the App Store in 12 countries

toolgpa.com/prices-by-country

Pay less

Every public discount: yearly billing, students, nonprofits

toolgpa.com/save

Keep or make

Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

toolgpa.com/keep-or-make

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Presentations Insider's Guide

Every one of the 52 presentation tools we grade, compared

Microsoft PowerPoint Insider's Guide

Slide presentation app sold with Microsoft 365, free in the browser

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Zoho Show Insider's Guide

Online presentation software, free for individuals

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Canva Insider's Guide

Template-based design platform for slides, graphics and video

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