



ASSISTIVE **TECH** TOOLS

SELECT-TO-SPEAK

Usable on Chromebooks only

This is a function built into Chromebooks that allows a student to listen to the Chromebook read aloud a section of highlighted text. This function is built into the Accessibility section of the Chromebook Settings. Once enabled, activate it by highlighting the desired text and pressing the "Search" + "S" keys. You can adjust various items like voice, pitch, and speed in Accessibility Settings.

READ ALOUD

Usable on Chromebooks, Laptops, or Desktops using the Google Chrome Web Browser

Similar to "Select-To-Speak" this will automatically read aloud the text on a page. This does not allow you to select a certain portion of text to read, it just starts at the beginning of the page. This function is a free extension that can be added to your Google Chrome browser through the Google Chrome Web Store. Once you have added it, it will be available on any Chrome web browser while you are signed in. You can adjust various items like voice, pitch, and speed through the extension icon at the top right of the browser window.

VOICE DREAM

This app is accessible on mobile devices through the Apple Store and Google Play Store

This paid app is another app that will read selected text. This app provides a number of voice options and settings to choose from to get the best listening experience for your student. This app provides a reading environment that is intended to limit distractions from the device while students are listening to a reading. In addition, unlike the other text to speech options listed here, this app will allow you to take a picture of a document and it will read that document aloud - voicedream.com

SPEECH TO TEXT

Usable on Google Docs and Google Slides on a device with a microphone (excludes mobile devices)



This function allows you to say what you would like to write, and Google will transcribe it for you into a Google Doc. It can be accessed through the "Tools" menu bar at the top of a Google Doc, or by opening a Doc and pressing "Control" + "Shift" + "S". That will bring up a microphone icon. Select it to turn the microphone on or off at any time. Select the "?" on the microphone icon for more details.

DICTIONATION

Usable on Chromebooks only

This is a function built into Chromebooks that allows a student to say what they would like to write into any text box/ word processor. This function is built into the Accessibility section of the Chromebook Settings. Unlike Speech to Text, Dictation will only record while it hears something, not until you turn it off. After it is enabled in the Chromebook settings, it can be turned on by clicking the icon in the toolbar at the bottom right of the page.

BOOK SHARE

Usable on any computer or chromebook. Can download audio files onto mobile devices

This is an online database of audio books that is accessible through your student's account. If your student has access to this resource, Ms. Sorise would have provided a login to them. Many of Walden's textbooks and novels are available for students on this website. They can listen to the audiobook through the website or download an audio file. This file can be listened to on any media player, or paired up with reading apps such as "Read2Go" to allow students to follow along on their device as the text is read to them. Visit bookshare.org/cms/help-center/reading-tools/read2go



MY HOMEWORK APP

Accessible on any device

This is a student homework planning app that is usable across all platforms (Mac, Windows, Android, iPhone, etc.). It has a free version as well as a low cost paid version. Can allow parents to join a student's account to see what homework they have written down. Accessible through myhomeworkapp.com

HOMEWORK TRACKER

Usable on Chromebooks, Laptops, or Desktops using the Google Chrome Web Browser

This is a student homework planner that can be accessed through any Chrome browser using a Google login. This allows you to sync your homework list to most devices you use. Students can add homework assignments and review what assignments will be due soon. This function is a free extension that can be added to your Google Chrome browser through the Google Chrome Web Store. You can add, edit, and view assignments through the extension icon at the top right of the browser window.

MYSTUDYLIFE

Accessible on any device

This is an application that allows you to put all of your homework, tasks, calendar events, classes, and meetings in one location. It syncs across any device that you use so you'll never be without your planner. This app provides options for reminders and helps to organize your tasks by order of importance (when each task needs to be completed). The application and user account is free - mystudylife.com



TIME TIMER

Accessible on any device

This is a timer application that can be purchased from the Google Play or Apple Store to allow students to keep track of how long they spend on a particular task or assignment. Especially useful for increasing homework stamina or reducing anxiety about spending an excessive amount of time trying to perfect an assignment. Includes a number of settings to customize a visual timer for your needs. Timers can be saved and used again - timetimer.com

PHOTOMATH

This app is accessible on mobile devices through the Apple Store and Google Play Store

This app is designed as a math aid to help students when they are at home stuck on a math problem or concept, and don't have the option of immediate help from their teacher. They can scan a math problem into the app using their device's camera and the app will break down the problem into steps and will explain, step by step, how the problem should be solved. It provides different explanations for problems so students can better understand how the math concept itself works, as opposed to just getting the answer. Usable for any level of math. The app is free, but includes in-app purchases - photomath.net