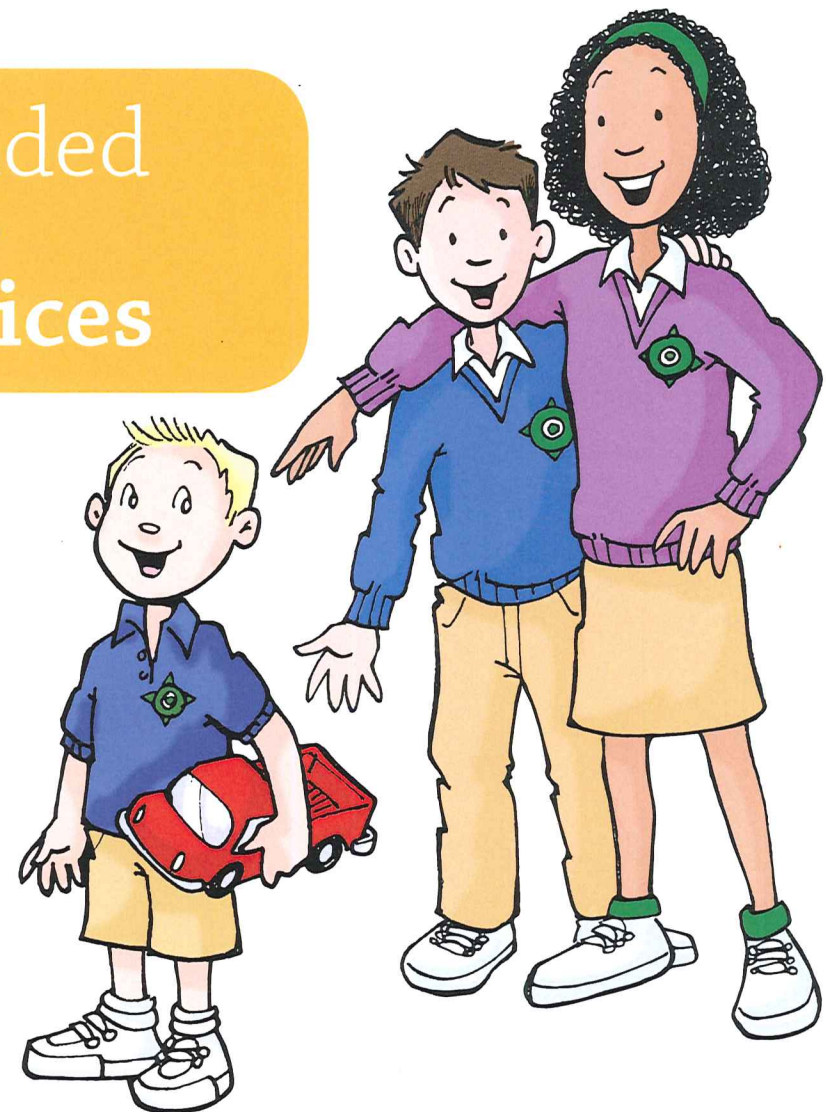




Recommended Software and Services

For students whose **learning differences** prevent them from **achieving SUCCESS** in a traditional classroom environment, **technology levels** the playing field.



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Software: is a computer programmed installed to your computer

Browser Plug-in: a mini-program installed to your web browser

Service: An online tool where tool is used on the internet and content saved in "the cloud" vs on your computer

**** Software/Service Used at Lawrence School**

Executive Function Supports

Name of Resource	Type of Tool	Website	Price	Comments/Description	Type of User	Tasks Used with Software/Service	Learning Differences
Google Calendar **	Service	http://Calendar.google.com	Free	Calendar tool that is web-based and will sync to devices; reminders for tasks available as well as ability to invite others to events/tasks	Students, Personal use, Parents	Executive Function Support, Teacher Tool	Students with time management issues and how need reminders to complete tasks
Google Drive / Google Docs, Sheets, Slides **	Service	http://drive.google.com	Free	Suite of online tools for creating documents, spreadsheets, and slideshows (similar to Microsoft Office)	Students, Teachers, Parents, Personal Use	Writing, Communication, Executive Function Support	Google Docs is excellent for people who do not file and save files well (executive function issues) because of auto-save feature and ability to search for documents; Google Docs also has some built-in accessibility tools include Voice Typing

Reading Tools

Name of Resource	Type of Tool	Website	Price	Comments/Description	Type of User	Tasks Used with Software/Service	Learning Differences
Bookshare **	Service	www.bookshare.org	Free*	Online Accessible Library for people with visual print disabilities to *qualified students only	Students, Personal use	Reading	Student with visual print disabilities
Fluency Tutor **	Service	www.texthelp.com	Pay	A web-based service that allows students to practice reading, take assessments, and see how they did. Teachers can assess students, monitor progress, and individualize instruction.	Teachers	Reading	Teachers who work with students who struggle with oral reading fluency
Google Chrome **	Software	http://Chrome.google.com	Free	Web browser, includes built in spell check on all web page forms as well as voice searching capabilities	Students, Teachers, Parents, Personal Use	Reading, Writing	People who need spell check online and need speech to text services while searching the internet

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Kurzweil 3000 Firefly	Service	www.kurzweilededu.com	Pay	Cloud-based service for reading, writing, study skills and test taking	Students, Personal use	Reading	Anyone with reading supports including ability to OCR materials
Learning Ally **	Service	www.learningally.org	Pay	Collection of more than 75,000 digitally recorded textbooks and literature titles in audiobook format.	Students, Personal use	Reading	Students with visual print disabilities
Project Gutenberg	Service	www.gutenberg.org	Free	Free versions of public domain works	Students, Teachers, Parents, Personal Use	Reading	Anyone who needs digital classic books
Quizlet **	Service	http://quizlet.com	Free	Also available as app in Google and Apple stores and in Google Chrome Webstore. Great tool for creating own Flashcards, self-quizzing and basic studying. Keeps track of all time spent studying.	Students, Teachers	Studying, Reading	Anyone who needs to study!
Read & Write for Google Chrome **	Service	www.texthelp.com	Pay*	Free for Teachers who register; works on most webpages through Google Chrome browser, and includes tools like text-to-speech, dictionary, translator, word prediction, and study skills highlighters	Students, Parents, Personal Use	Reading, Writing	People who need text-to-speech and word prediction services while searching the internet
Read & Write for Google Docs **	Service	www.texthelp.com or search in the Google Chrome Web store	Free trial	Google Chrome extension that offers an abbreviated Read & Write tool suite that can be used in Google Docs including text-to-speech, dictionary and picture dictionary, Fact Finder, highlight collector and vocabulary tool. Will even read PDF and ePub documents including annotating!	Students, Parents, Personal Use	Reading, Writing	People who need text-to-speech and other tools in Google Docs
Read & Write Gold **	Software	www.texthelp.com	Pay	Customizable toolbar integrates reading, writing, studying, and research support tools that can be used on the internet and in Word, Adobe Reader, and Google Docs. Individual licenses available. Student take home rights available for schools with site licenses.	Students, Parents, Personal Use	Reading, Writing	People who want to provide the differentiated instruction necessary for diverse student populations, including those with reading and writing difficulties, dyslexia, learning disabilities, and English Language Learners. Anyone with reading supports including ability to OCR materials

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Readability **	Browser Plug-In	http://lab.arc90.com/experiments/readability/	Free	Eliminates distractions on webpages to make it easier to read	Students, Teachers, Parents, Personal Use	Reading	ADD/people who struggle in being able to focus on a web page due to distractions
Snapverter	Service	http://rw.texthelp.com/drive/suport/snapverter	Pay	Allows you to upload any picture to your Google Drive folder and Snapverter will make it readable to listen to with reading tool in Google Docs. Works really well with Read & Write for Google Docs. <i>Currently only available for Schools not individual licenses.</i>	Teachers	Reading	Teachers/Schools who need to digitize materials for students who need to use Read & Write for Google text-to-speech services

Writing Tools

Name of Resource	Type of Tool	Website	Price	Comments/Description	Type of User	Tasks Used with Software/Service	Learning Differences
Bubbl.U.s	Service	http://bubbl.us	Free	Online collaborative concept mapping tool	Students, Teachers, Parents, Personal Use	Writing, Concept Mapping	People wanting to incorporate webbing and concept mapping to writing and learning tasks
Dragon Naturally Speaking **	Software	www.nuance.com	Pay	Speech recognition software helps students with learning disabilities reach their full potential. Instead of manually typing documents, students (or adults) with dyslexia or other language-based learning disabilities can create papers or complete reports simply by talking	Students, Teachers, Parents, Personal Use	Writing	People who need speech-to-text services
ETS Criterion Online Writing Evaluation Service **	Service	http://www.ets.org/criterion	Pay	Web-based instructor-led writing tool that helps students plan, write and revise their essays. It gives them immediate diagnostic feedback and more opportunities to practice writing at their own pace.	Teachers	Writing	Anyone who writes documents to turn into another person for school
Ghotit Software	Software	www.ghotit.com	Pay	Reading & Writing assistant for contextual and phonetic spell checker, proofreader, text to speech, and word prediction	Students, Parents, Personal Use	Writing, Spelling	anyone with reading and writing issues, especially spelling

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Ginger Software	Software	www.gingersoftware.com	Pay	Text reader, grammar checker, sentence rephraser and personal writing trainer	Students, Parents, Personal Use	Writing, Spelling	Anyone with reading and writing issues especially spelling
Google Chrome **	Software	http://Chrome.google.com	Free	Web browser, includes built in spell check on all web page forms as well as voice searching capabilities	Students, Teachers, Parents, Personal Use	Reading, Writing	People who need spell check online and need speech to text services while searching the internet
Google Drive / Google Docs, Sheets, Slides **	Service	http://drive.google.com	Free	Suite of online tools for creating documents, spreadsheets, and slideshows (similar to Microsoft Office)	Students, Teachers, Parents, Personal Use	Writing, Communication, Executive Function Support	Google Docs is excellent for people who do not file and save files well (executive function issues) because of auto-save feature and ability to search for documents; Google Docs also has some built-in accessibility tools include Voice Typing
Grammarly	Browser Plug-In	https://www.grammarly.com/	Free (premium version is Paid)	Grammarly corrects over 250 types of grammatical mistakes, while also catching contextual spelling errors and poor vocabulary usage. Premium/Paid version has downloadable software to work in Microsoft Office. Free version works online in browser only.	Students, Parents, Personal Use	Writing	People with poor spelling, grammar, written expression, and anyone else who writes online
Inspiration **	Software	www.inspiration.com	Pay	Outlining/concept mapping software	Students, Teachers, Parents, Personal Use	Writing, Concept Mapping	People wanting to incorporate organization, webbing, and concept mapping to writing and learning tasks
Read & Write for Google Chrome **	Service	www.texthelp.com	Pay*	Free for Teachers; works on most webpages through Google Chrome browser, and includes text-to-speech, dictionary, translator, word prediction, and study skills highlighters	Students, Parents, Personal Use	Reading, Writing	People who need text-to-speech and word prediction services while searching the internet
Read & Write for Google Docs **	Service	www.texthelp.com or search in the Google Chrome Web store	Free trial	Offers Read & Write tool suite in Google Docs including text-to-speech, dictionary, picture dictionary, Fact Finder, highlight collector and vocabulary tool. Will even read PDF and ePub documents including annotating!	Students, Parents, Personal Use	Reading, Writing	People who need text-to-speech and other tools in Google Docs

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Read & Write Gold **	Software	www.texthelp.com	Pay	Customizable toolbar integrates reading, writing, studying, and research support tools that can be used on the internet and in Word, Adobe Reader, and Google Docs. Individual licenses available. Student take home rights available for schools with site licenses.	Students, Parents, Personal Use	Reading, Writing	People who want to provide the differentiated instruction that is necessary to meet the needs of diverse student populations, including those with reading and writing difficulties, dyslexia, learning disabilities, and English Language Learners. Anyone with reading supports including ability to OCR materials
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Concept Mapping

Name of Resource	Type of Tool	Website	Price	Comments/Description	Type of User	Tasks Used with Software/Service	Learning Differences
Bubbl.U.s	Service	http://bubbl.us	Free	Online collaborative concept mapping tool	Students, Teachers, Parents, Personal Use	Writing, Concept Mapping	People wanting to incorporate webbing and concept mapping to writing and learning tasks
Inspiration **	Software	www.inspiration.com	Pay	Outlining/concept mapping software	Students, Teachers, Parents, Personal Use	Writing, Concept Mapping	People wanting to incorporate organization, webbing, and concept mapping to writing and learning tasks

Teacher Tools

Name of Resource	Type of Tool	Website	Price	Comments/Description	Type of User	Tasks Used with Software/Service	Learning Differences
ETS Criterion Online Writing Evaluation Service **	Service	http://www.ets.org/criterion	Pay	Web-based instructor-led writing tool that helps students plan, write and revise essays. It gives them immediate diagnostic feedback and opportunities to practice writing at their own pace.	Teachers	Writing, Teacher Tool	Anyone who writes documents to turn into another person for school
Google Calendar **	Service	http://Calendar.google.com	Free	Calendar tool that is web-based and will sync to devices; reminders for tasks available as well as ability to invite others to events/tasks	Students, Personal use, Teachers, Parents	Executive Function Support, Teacher Tool	Students with time management issues who need reminders to complete tasks.

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Google Classroom **	Service	http://classroom.google.com	Free	<p>Classroom is designed to help teachers create and collect assignments paperlessly, including time-saving features like the ability to automatically make a copy of a Google Document for each student. It also creates Drive folders for each assignment and for each student to help keep everyone organized.</p> <p>Students can keep track of what's due on the Assignments page and begin working with just a click. Teachers can quickly see who has or hasn't completed the work, and provide direct, real-time feedback and grades right in Classroom.</p>	Teachers	Teacher Tool	Any teacher who wants to use Google Docs with students and needs a way to distribute, collect and organize student's work.
Quia **	Service	www.quia.com/web	Pay	Online quiz, activity, and class page service	Teachers	Teacher Tool	People who want students to take online tests compatible with assistive technology software as well as provide interactive review activities
Quizlet **	Service	http://quizlet.com	Free	Also available as app in Google and Apple stores and in Google Chrome Webstore. Great tool for creating own Flashcards, self-quizzing and basic studying. Keeps track of all time spent studying.	Students, Teachers	Studying, Teacher Tool	Anyone who needs to study!
QuizStar	Service	http://Quizstar.4teachers.org	Free	Online quiz & test creator; auto-grade feature	Teachers	Teacher Tool	People who want students to take online tests compatible with assistive technology software
Study Blue **	Service	https://www.studyblue.com/	Free	Also available as app in Google and Apple stores and in Google Chrome Webstore. Great tool for creating own Flashcards, self-quizzing and basic studying. Keeps track of all time spent studying. And eliminates distractions on the page (black screen except for terms); *Premium version has more features	Students, Teachers	Studying, Teacher Tool	Anyone who needs to study; this is a good tool for students who are easily distracted

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Studying Tool

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Quizlet **	Service	http://quizlet.com	Free	Also available as app in Google and Apple stores and in Google Chrome Webstore. Great tool for creating own Flashcards, self-quizzing and basic studying. Keeps track of all time spent studying. *Premium version has more features	Students, Teachers	Studying, Teacher Tool	Anyone who needs to study!
Study Blue **	Service	https://www.studyblue.com/	Free	Also available as app in Google and Apple stores and in Google Chrome Webstore. Great tool for creating own Flashcards, self-quizzing and basic studying. Keeps track of all time spent studying. And eliminates distractions on the page (black screen except for terms). *Premium version has more features	Students, Teachers	Studying, Teacher Tool	Anyone who needs to study; this is a good tool for students who are easily distracted