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This document is a supplement to the Hilltopic presentation on February 16, 2021. Below you will find information on each product discussed. Please reach out to me if you have questions regarding these products or other issues related to assistive technology for education.

Read&Write

Overview

Read&Write is the most commonly offered assisitve technology tool in Colorado school districts at this time. It typically is provided as a Google extension that is added to the student's school Chrome account. Several districts add the extension to all students giving them access to the free version, which only provides access to text-to-speech. The premium version has many features that the student needs to be trained on.

Ways To Access Read Write

Find links to each device downloads here

Tutorials/Supporting Documents

Read&Write for Google Quick Reference Guide
Feature Overview Video

Cost

Free
$145 annually for individual account

Considerations

Read&Write is a useful tools for students needing assistive technology with a variety of features. It is important for students to be trained in EACH feature the student is going to use and to be trained in how to customize the tool. In many cases, the extension is added to the student's school account with little to no training beyond the text-to-speech feature.

Grade Level Recommendations

- 1-2: Students could find a few features helpful, but it will likely be on a rare occasion
- 3-5: Read&Write will become very useful to students, although they will probably use only a few features
- 6-12: Snap&Read can be a beneficial product for students in these grades and will continue to be useful in college.

Capti Voice

Overview

Capti Voice allows the student to import text to be able to access text-to-speech and text annotating features. At this time, this is one of the most efficient ways to access Bookshare books.

Ways To Access Capti Voice On Devices

[Chrome Web Store](#)
[iOS App Store](#)

Tutorials

[How to download Bookshare books on iOS devices](#)
      (The process is almost identical for the Chrome extension)
[How to use Capti Voice on Chrome extension](#)
[How to highlight & annotate](#)
[Capti Voice YouTube Channel For Complete List of Videos](#)

Cost

Free
$19.99 a year for premium features
$5.99 a month for premium voices
[Personal Free and Personal Pro Features](#)

Considerations

Capti Voice is a great tool for Bookshare. This product allows for the book file to be downloaded onto the device and breaks the book into chapters for easier navigation through the book. The Personal Pro upgrade is recommended for students who regularly utilize Bookshare and to access the annotation features. Students who are proficient with Capti Voice should explore importing other content and exploring more advanced uses of the product.

Grade Level Recommendations

- 1-2: Most students will not use Bookshare regularly, so this product will not be useful.
- 3-5: Bookshare begins to become a useful service for students. Capti Voice is only recommended in these grades for Bookshare content.
- 6-12: Capti Voice is beneficial for students who access Bookshare content. As students become confident in using Capti with Bookshare, they might explore accessing other content as well.

Grammarly

Overview

Grammarly is a sophisticated editing program that helps students fine-tune their writing. As a Google extension, this product operates in Google Docs, email, and other input fields online. There are Grammarly Keyboards for mobile devices, but those are significantly different from the online versions of the software.

Ways To Access Grammarly On Devices

[Chrome Web Store](#)

[Grammarly Keyboard Google Play](#)

[Grammarly Keyboard Apple](#)

Tutorials

[How to use Grammarly in Google Docs](#)

Cost

Free
Premium Subscription: $139.95 (this is one subscription that can be shared among the family)
[Difference between free and premium versions](#)

Considerations

Grammarly should not be used on assignments where the primary objective is to assess spelling, punctuation, and/or grammar. Students need to be trained in how to access Grammarly's full set of editing suggestions.

Grade Level Recommendations

- 1-2: Grammarly is generally not recommended in these grades.
- 3-5: Grammarly begins to become useful.
- 6-12: Grammarly should be encouraged on all typed assignments before turning in for a grade.

Google Features

Outline

Here are the basic details on how to [create an outline](#) in Google Docs. Students can copy and paste long articles into a Google Doc and use the outline feature to help navigate the text.

Tasks

Here is a [how-to guide](#) to make the most of Google Tasks.

Google Keep

Here is a student-created [video](#) on how to use Google Keep for school work. Note: Chrome apps are being discontinued at the end of February but Keep will continue to work on mobile apps and online.

Citations

Here is a quick [video](#) that shows how you can create and import citations into Google Docs.