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Assistive Technology in High School

Accessing curriculum now..

College, the workplace and beyond...

What can students learn now, that can be



used in their future?

Technology in the Classroom



Classroom technology is not considered assistive technology, unless it is helping the student access the curriculum.

Tech you might be seeing:





Common Assistive Tech in High School

- 1. Voice Typing
- 2. Screen Readers/OCR (optical character recognition)/PDF Reader
- 3. Enlarged Text/Font Style
- 4. Audio Books

Low Incidence Assistive Tech

Some technology is for very specific populations and are usually provided by a specialist in that area:

- → Braille readers/Magnification
- → FM Systems
- → Wheelchair mounts
- → Fingerprint Lock
- → AAC Device (speech device)





Universal Design & Accessibility Features

- Working toward access for all
- Explore accessibility features
- <u>UX vs Accessibility</u>

Types of Accessibility Issues (Credit: Interaction Design Foundation)

You should consider the number and types of potential accessibility issues users will have. These are common ba

- Visual (e.g., color blindness)
- Motor/mobility (e.g., wheelchair-user concerns)
- Auditory (hearing difficulties)
- Seizures (especially photosensitive epilepsy)
- Learning/cognitive (e.g., dyslexia)



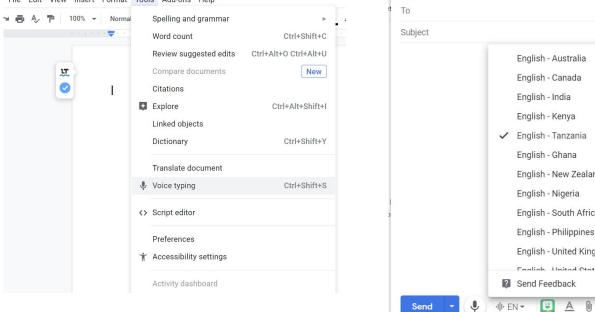
Helpful supports during remote learning

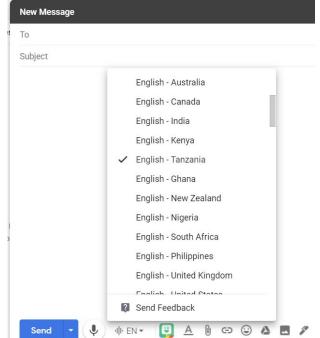
- 1. Voice typing
- 2. Library account including AudioBooks for FUHSD, CUSD and SESD students
- 3. Open dyslexic font
- 4. Dark Mode or blue light glasses
- 5. Chromebook Remote access to teachers and paras
- 6. Grammar and Spell check



Voice Typing in Google docs and Gmail

Untitled document File Edit View Insert Format Tools Add-ons Help







All three districts give access to local libraries. This includes e-books and professionally read Audiobooks (like Audible) free to students.







Open Dyslexic Font

Turn your entire computer into a <u>weighted font</u>.

OpenDyslexic is a free typeface/font designed to mitigate some of the common reading errors caused by dyslexia. The typeface was created by Abelardo Gonzalez, who released it through an open-source license.^[1] Like many dyslexiaintervention typefaces, most notably Dyslexie, OpenDyslexic adds to dyslexia research and is a reading aid, but it is not a cure for dyslexia.^[2] The typeface includes regular, bold, italic, bold-italic, and monospaced font styles. In 2012, Gonzalez

Blue Light Glasses and Dark Mode



Remote Access for Chromebooks

Staff can access chromebooks remotely to assist students in navigating their screen.

Two levels of support:

- 1. A student can give permission during zoom for remote access.
- 2. Check out an FUHSD Chromebook, and give permission using <u>remote</u> <u>desktop</u> access

Grammar and Spell Check

Three most common:

- 1. <u>Language Tool</u> (My favorite)
- 2. Grammarly
- 3. Google/Word (embedded)

Planning for College/Vocational Training

- 1. When researching colleges, student should visit the school's disability support website to find out what type of supports are being offered.
- 2. When visiting colleges and universities, inquire about an appointment with the disabilities support center.
- 3. IEPs do not continue to college. Students with disabilities are covered under <u>ADA</u> (Americans with Disabilities Act).
- 4. <u>West Valley College</u>
- 5. <u>UC Berkeley</u>

Resources for the workplace

Job Accommodation Network

Disability Rights California

Department of Rehabilitation

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