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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)



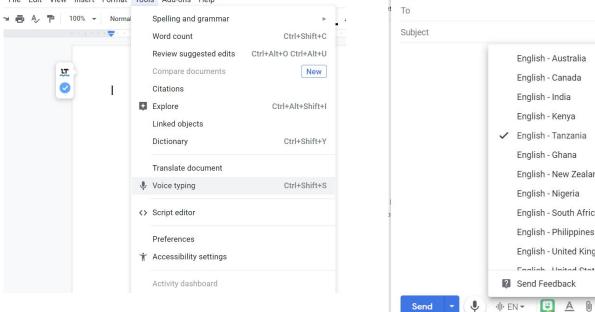
# Helpful supports during remote learning

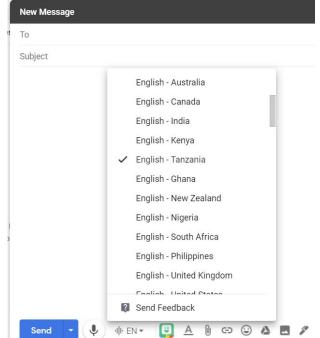
- 1. Voice typing
- 2. Library account including AudioBooks for FUHSD, CUSD and SESD students
- 3. Open dyslexic font
- 4. Dark Mode or blue light glasses
- 5. Chromebook Remote access to teachers and paras
- 6. Grammar and Spell check



# 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.<sup>[1]</sup> 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.<sup>[2]</sup> 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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