Apps and Programs Guide

STUDENT ACCESSIBLITY SERVICES

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Campus Resources:

Glean note taking boosts your ability to learn and build knowledge from class. Glean's note taking solution records audio notes so you can capture and learn from information more effectively.

Livescribe Smart Pen captures lectures while taking notes. Audio records while taking notes. Provides the ability to review lectures and add to notes after class.

KIC Bookeye 4 v2.-Overhead book scanner- Located in the Shain Library-While the scanner should be easy to use and intuitive for all, some guidance on its special features could save you time and resources, enabling you to make high quality (400 dpi), text searchable (OCR) digital images, PDFs, and even MP3 audio files of any text (as large as 17" x 24") with the push of a button. See a librarian for support.

Reading Apps & Programs

TOOL	DESCRIPTION	LINK
COMPREHENSIVE LITERACY SUPPORT		
Read&Write	Read&Write is a literacy support tool that offers help with everyday tasks like reading text out loud, understanding unfamiliar words, researching assignments, and proofing written work.	Read&Write For Education - Reading, Literacy & Assistive Software | Texthelp
Capti	Capti offers a free version of text to speech software that can be used with multiple devices. The upgraded version is reasonably priced.	https://www.captivoice.com/capti-site/
OrbitNote	OrbitNote allows you to transform and interact with documents in a completely different way. Create an accessible, dynamic, and collaborative space that works for everyone.	OrbitNote - PDF editor | Texthelp
HelperBird	Some of the most popular features include dyslexia fonts, text to speech with natural voices, dyslexia support, dictation, overlays, dyslexia rulers, Immersive reader, word prediction, Reader mode, and even more.	Literacy, Accessibility & Dyslexia Software | Helperbird
AUDIO BOOKS		
Audible	Audible is an Amazon company that sells and produces audiobooks.	Audible.com | Try Audible Free Today
Learning Ally	Learning Ally is for students with dyslexia or other reading deficits, or who are blind or visually impaired, or who have a physical disability that prohibits reading standard print.	Audiobooks for Dyslexia & Learning Disabilities | Learning Ally
SCREEN MAGNIFICATION		
Magnifying Glass	Magnifying Glass (Hover Zoom) is a lite addon that enables you to magnify a portion of a webpage with click of a button.	Magnifying Glass - Chrome Web Store (google.com) Magnifying Glass for Microsoft Edge - Microsoft Edge Addons

TOOL	DESCRIPTION	LINK
Glassbrick	Glassbrick is a screen magnifier that makes zooming your screen quick and easy.	Get Glassbrick - Screen Magnifier - Microsoft Store

Reading Apps & Programs Continued

TOOL	DESCRIPTION	LINK
TRACKING AIDS		
Mercury Reader	The Mercury Reader extension for Chrome removes ads and distractions, leaving only text and images for a clean and consistent reading view on every site.	Mercury Reader-Chrome Extension
Beeline Reader	Beeline Reader makes reading on-screen easier and faster.	BeeLine Reader
Screen Mask	Screen Mask is website or web document reading tool that follows your mouse or touch to help eliminate page distractions so that you can focus on reading one passage at a time.	Screen Mask - Chrome Web Store (google.com) Screen Mask - Microsoft Edge Addons
Visor	Screen dimmer and reading aid, may help with fluency, eye-strain, concentration and comprehension while reading.	Visor Chrome Extension
Word Tools		
Rewordify	Helps with reading comprehension and vocabulary development by simplifying text.	Rewordify.com | Understand what you read
Word Hippo	Thesaurus and word tools for your creative needs	Text Compactor: Text Summarization Tool
TEXT TO SPEECH		
Capti	Capti offers a free version of text to speech software that can be used with multiple devices. The upgraded version is reasonably priced.	https://www.captivoice.com/capti-site/

Speechify	Listen to Gmail, Google Docs, Wikipedia, blogs, news articles, online courses, PDFs, + more.	Speechify - Listen to text with Speechify
Voice Dream Reader	Voice Dream Reader lets you listen to any document and eBook using text-to-speech	Voice Dream Reader on the App Store (apple.com)
Windows Narrator	Narrator reads aloud the text on your PC screen.	Hear text read aloud (microsoft.com)
Announcify	Announcify reads out loud every website you want.	Announcify - Chrome Web Store (google.com)

Writing Apps & Programs

TOOL	DESCRIPTION	LINK
COMPREHENSIVE LITERACY SUPPORT		
Read&Write	Read&Write is a literacy support tool that offers help with everyday tasks like reading text out loud, understanding unfamiliar words, researching assignments, and proofing written work.	Read&Write For Education - Reading, Literacy & Assistive Software | Texthelp
Grammarly	Compose bold, clear, mistake-free writing with Grammarly's AI-powered writing assistant.	Grammarly: Free Online Writing Assistant
SPEECH RECOGNITION (SPEECH TO TEXT)		
Otter.ai	Automated meeting notes for Zoom, Google Meet, Microsoft Teams, and more. Stay connected and collaborative when you work from home.	Otter Voice Meeting Notes - Otter.ai Otter.ai - Chrome Web Store (google.com) Otter: Transcribe Voice Notes on the App Store (apple.com)
Voice Typing	Use your voice to type on any website.	Voice Typing - Chrome Web Store (google.com)

TOOL	DESCRIPTION	LINK
Apple Dictation	You can use dictation instead of your keyboard to enter text with many apps and features that use the keyboard on your iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch.	Use Dictation on your iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch - Apple Support
Windows Voice Recognition	Speech Recognition is an easy-to-use experience that allows you to control your computer entirely with voice commands.	Use voice recognition in Windows 10 (microsoft.com)
Voice Note 2	Typing with your voice and speech recognition. Simple and functional notepad.	VoiceNote II - Speech to text - Chrome Web Store (google.com)
Dragon	Fast, accurate speech recognition, dictation, and transcription.	Dragon Naturally Speaking - Download (dragon-naturally-speaking.com)

Writing Apps & Programs Continued

TOOL	DESCRIPTION	LINK
OUTLINING & MINDMAPPING		
Mindmeister	MindMeister is an online mind mapping tool that lets you capture, develop, and share ideas visually.	Create Your Mind Maps Online - On Any Device | MindMeister MindMeister - Chrome Web Store (google.com) MindMeister - Mind Mapping for Teams (microsoft.com)
Mindmup	MindMup allows you to easily visualize ideas using mind maps, spider diagrams, concept maps, argument visualizations and hierarchical charts.	MindMup 2.0 - Free Mind Map web site - Chrome Web Store (google.com) MindMup (microsoft.com)
Inspiration Maps	Build diagrams, graphic organizers, and outlines with ease!	Inspiration Maps™ on the App Store (apple.com)
Popplet	With Popplet you can quick jot down your ideas and sort them visually.	Popplet on the App Store (apple.com)

EdrawMind	A full-featured collaborative mind mapping and brainstorming tool.	EdrawMind (edrawsoft.com)
Connected Mind	Draw unique and memorable mind maps, store them in the cloud for free and access them anywhere.	Connected Mind: Draw unique maps in the browser (connected-mind.appspot.com)
Mindomo	Real-time collaboration on mind maps, concept maps and outlines. Works with Google Drive.	Mind mapping, concept mapping, outlining and Gantt Charts (mindomo.com)

Math Apps & Programs

TOOL	DESCRIPTION	LINK
Equatio	Easily create mathematical equations, formulas, and quizzes. Intuitively type or handwrite, with no tricky math code to learn.	EquatIO - Chrome Web Store (google.com) Get EquatIO - Microsoft Store
Microsoft Word Equations	Equations that you can readily insert into your documents. If equations don't meet your needs, you can edit, change the existing equation, or write your own equation from scratch.	Write an equation or formula - Word (microsoft.com) Equation Editor - Office Support (microsoft.com)
Google Docs Equations	The equation editor in Google Docs is the perfect feature for people who use mathematical equations inside their documents.	Use equations in a document (google.com)
MyScript Calculator	Calculator 2 turns your device into an interactive piece of paper. Simply write a calculation and it gets you the result in real time.	MyScript Calculator on the App Store (apple.com) MyScript Calculator 2 - Apps on Google Play
Desmos Graphing Calculator	Explore math with a free online graphing calculator. Graph functions, plot points, visualize algebraic equations, add sliders, etc.	Desmos	Graphing Calculator
GeoGebra Classic	Free digital tools for graphing, geometry, collaborative whiteboard.	GeoGebra Classic
Microsoft Math Solver	App provides help with a variety of problems including arithmetic, algebra, trigonometry, calculus, statistics, and other topics.	Microsoft Math Solver - Math Problem Solver & Calculator
Mod Math	The app lets you write and solve math problems onto the touch screen of an iPad using the custom keypad.	ModMath

Vision Apps & Programs

TOOL	DESCRIPTION	LINK
Seeing AI	Seeing AI is a free app that narrates the world around you. Designed for the blind and low vision community, this uses AI to open the visual world and describe nearby people and text.	Seeing AI App from Microsoft
High Contrast	High Contrast lets you browse the web with your choice of several high-contrast color filters designed to make it easier to read text.	High Contrast - Chrome Web Store (google.com) High Contrast - Microsoft Edge Addons
Visor	Screen dimmer and reading aid, may help with fluency, eye strain, concentration and comprehension whilst reading.	Visor - Chrome Web Store (google.com)
NVDA	The NVDA screen reader can be downloaded free of charge by anyone.	NV Access | Download
AccessNote	AccessNote is the official iOS notetaker from the American Foundation for the Blind. AccessNote is the first notetaker for the iOS platform designed particularly for VoiceOver users looking for a highly efficient, feature-rich note taking experience.	AccessNote: AFB's New Note Taker for Your iOS Device | American Foundation for the Blind | AccessWorld |
BlindSquare	BlindSquare is the world's most widely used accessible GPS-app developed for the blind, deafblind and partially sighted.	BlindSquare
KNFB Reader	The easy-to-use KNFB Reader app converts any text to speech or Braille instantly and accurately.	KNFB Reader App features the best OCR. Turn print into speech or Braille instantly. iOS 3 now available. | KNFB Reader

Hearing Apps & Programs

TOOL	DESCRIPTION	LINK
Enable Live Captions on Chrome	You can turn on Live Caption for media you play in Chrome.	Use Live Caption in Chrome - Google Chrome Help
Live Presentations in PowerPoint	With Live Presentations in PowerPoint, audience members can see a presentation on their devices and read subtitles in their preferred language while you speak. They can use "pinch to zoom" to see the slides more clearly on mobile devices, give feedback, send live reactions to the presenter, and navigate back to review previous slides.	Present Live: Engage your audience with Live Presentations (microsoft.com)
Web Captioner	Web Captioner makes your event, speech, or classroom lecture accessible with real-time captioning.	Web Captioner
Ava	Empowering Deaf & hard-of-hearing people and inclusive organizations with the best live captioning solution for any situation.	Professional & AI-Based Captions for Deaf & HoH	Ava
Jacoti ListenApp	The Jacoti ListenApp tool is a hearing support system that works like a hearing aid on your iPhone or iPod touch.	Jacoti ListenApp on the App Store (apple.com)
Sound Alert	The Sound Alert app uses your smartphone to detect and alert you to the sounds you don't want to miss. Use the app to prerecord home alarms, oven and microwave timers, doorbells and other home and environmental noises, then set the app to "detection mode" to have your phone listen for them. You can choose multiple alert methods, such as phone vibrations, flashing lights and smartwatch notifications.	Sound Alert - Apps on Google Play Sound Alert. on the App Store (apple.com)

Accessibility

TOOL	DESCRIPTION	LINK
MICROSOFT		
Microsoft Accessibility	Accessibility features for Microsoft supported products.	Accessibility Technology & Tools | Microsoft Accessibility
Microsoft Edge Browser	The new Microsoft Edge comes with built-in accessibility options to help you browse the web in a way that best suits your needs.	Accessibility features in Microsoft Edge
GOOGLE		
Chromebooks	Make your Chromebook easier to use by turning on accessibility features that work best for your needs.	Chromebook accessibility features - Chromebook Help (google.com)
Chrome Browser	You can make Chrome easier to use by installing accessibility extensions.	Chrome with accessibility extensions - Google Chrome Help
Android	You can customize your Android device with accessibility settings and apps.	Android accessibility overview - Pixel Phone Help (google.com)
APPLE		
Mac	Includes many accessibility features to support your vision, hearing, physical motor needs, and more.	Accessibility features on Mac - Apple Support
iPhone	Provides many accessibility features to support your vision, physical, motor, hearing, and learning needs.	Accessibility features on iPhone - Apple Support
iPad	Provides many accessibility features to support your vision, physical, motor, hearing, and learning needs.	Accessibility features on iPad - Apple Support
OTHER		
Kindle Accessibility	Devices and reading applications which work with assistive technology and features that support a variety of reading needs.	Amazon.com: Kindle Accessibility: Kindle Store

Executive Functioning

Executive function is a set of mental skills that include working memory, flexible thinking, and self-control. We use these skills every day to learn, work, and manage daily life. Trouble with executive function can make it hard to focus, follow directions, and handle emotions, among other things.

There are three main areas of executive function.
1. Working Memory
2. Flexible Thinking
3. Self-Control

Executive function is responsible for many skills, including:
- Paying attention
- Organizing, planning, and prioritizing
- Starting tasks and staying focused on them to completion
- Understanding different points of view
- Regulating emotions
- Self-monitoring (keeping track of what you are doing)

The following pages contain a list of apps and programs that may be helpful for any weaknesses in executive functioning.

Executive Functioning – Organization

TOOL	DESCRIPTION	LINK
GENERAL ORGANIZATION		
Extensity	The ultimate tool for lightning fast enabling and disabling all your extensions for Google Chrome or Edge.	Extensity - Chrome Web Store (google.com) Extensity - Microsoft Edge Addons
OneTab	Whenever you find yourself with too many tabs, click the OneTab icon to convert all your tabs into a list. When you need to access the tabs again, you can either restore them individually or all at once.	OneTab extension for Google Chrome and Firefox - save up to 95% memory and reduce tab clutter (one-tab.com)
Session Buddy	Save open tabs as collections that can be easily restored later. Great for freeing up memory and avoiding clutter. See and manage all open tabs in one place. Search open tabs and collections to quickly find what you're looking for.	Session Buddy – Manage Browser Tabs and Bookmarks with Ease
Google Keep	Quickly capture what's on your mind and get a reminder later at the right place or time.	Google Keep - Notes and Lists - Apps on Google Play Google Keep - Notes and lists on the App Store (apple.com)
Google Tasks	Manage, capture, and edit your tasks from anywhere, at any time, with to-dos that sync across all your devices.	Google Tasks - Apps on Google Play Google Tasks: Get Things Done on the App Store (apple.com)
Todoist	Add websites as tasks or add work tasks to follow up on. Quickly organize your tasks for the day right from the extension. Once your tasks are done, check them off without switching context.	Todoist: The to do list to organize work & life
Tab Resize	Split Screen made easy. Resize the CURRENT tab and tabs to the RIGHT into layouts on separate windows. w/ Multi Monitor Support.	Tab Resize - split screen layouts - Chrome Web Store (google.com)
Symbaloo	Easily save the website you are visiting and organize all your bookmarks in a personalized and safe online environment.	Symbaloo: Bookmarks & Favorites - The #1 Homepage for Educators

Executive Functioning – Organization Continued

TOOL	DESCRIPTION	LINK
HOMEWORK PLANNERS		
SchoolTraq	SchoolTraq is an academic planner for students.	Schooltraq • A better academic planner for a better you Schooltraq - Chrome Web Store (google.com)
myHomework	A digital student planner that lets you easily track your classes, homework, tests, and projects so you never forget an assignment again! myHomework is available on multiple platforms, so you can always know what's due	myHomework Student Planner App (myhomeworkapp.com) Get myHomework - Microsoft Store
My Study Life	My Study Life is a cross-platform planner for students, teachers and lecturers designed to make your study life easier to manage. My Study Life allows you to store your classes, homework and exams in the cloud making it available on any device, wherever you are.	My Study Life

Executive Functioning – Notetaking

TOOL	DESCRIPTION	LINK
Otter.ai	Automated meeting notes for Zoom, Google Meet, Microsoft Teams, and more. Stay connected and collaborative when you work from home.	Otter Voice Meeting Notes - Otter.ai Otter.ai - Chrome Web Store (google.com) Otter: Transcribe Voice Notes on the App Store (apple.com)
Audio Note	Audio Note combines the functionality of a notepad and voice recorder to create a powerful tool that will save you time while improving the quality of your notes.	AudioNote™ on the App Store (apple.com)
Notability	Welcome to Notability: powerful, yet wonderfully simple notetaking and PDF annotation.	Notability on the App Store (apple.com)
Evernote	Capture ideas when inspiration strikes. Bring your notes, to-dos, and schedule together to tame life's distractions and accomplish more—at work, at home, and everywhere in between.	Download Evernote for free | Evernote
Sound Note	Sound Note is the best way to take notes in meetings, lectures, and interviews. It tracks what you type and draw while recording audio.	SoundNote on the App Store (apple.com)
One Note	OneNote is your digital notebook for capturing and organizing everything across your devices. Jot down your ideas, keep track of classroom notes.	Download OneNote
Mic Note	Record voice while taking note synced, for lectures, meetings, conferences, interviews, memos.	Mic Note -Voice Recorder & Notepad - Chrome Web Store (google.com)
Dictanote	Switch effortlessly between using the keyboard and your voice to type out notes.	Dictanote - Make your voice type for you

Executive Functioning – Study Skills

TOOL	DESCRIPTION	LINK
Quizlet	From flashcards to help you learn, to games that make it easy to get a handle on history, use a variety of tools to conquer any challenge.	Learning tools & flashcards, for free | Quizlet
Kahn Academy	Khan Academy is an education app for everyone—whether you're a parent helping your first grader with geometry or a postgrad looking for a deep dive into microfinance.	Khan Academy | Free Online Courses, Lessons & Practice
Study Blue	Study millions of student-authored explanations for your classes or create your own. For free!	StudyBlue: Online Flashcards, Homework Help & Textbook Solutions
Wolfram Alpha	Use the power of Wolfram's computational intelligence to answer your questions.	Wolfram Alpha: Computational Intelligence (wolframalpha.com)

Executive Functioning – Attention, Focus, & Alerting

TOOL	DESCRIPTION	LINK
ATTENTION & FOCUS		
Self-Control	A simple extension to keep you focused online	Self Control - Chrome Web Store (google.com)
Pomodoro	Pomodoro is a customizable pomodoro timer that works on desktop & mobile browser.	Pomodoro Timer Online - Pomofocus
Mercury Reader	The Mercury Reader extension removes ads and distractions, leaving only text and images for a clean and consistent reading view on every site.	Mercury Reader - Chrome Web Store (google.com) Mercury Reader - Microsoft Edge Addons
Easy Reader	Easy Reader can customize and improve the readability of long web articles. Make any article or part of a website more readable!	EasyReader - Chrome Web Store (google.com)
AdBlocker Ultimate	AdBlocker Ultimate is designed with a singular purpose: remove all ads so you can focus your attention on the content you want.	AdBlocker Ultimate - (adblockultimate.net)
BlockSite	Stay focused and improve productivity. Easily block any distracting or harmful website.	BlockSite: Easily block distracting websites
StayFocused	StayFocused increases your productivity by limiting the amount of time that you can spend on time-wasting websites.	StayFocusd - Microsoft Edge Addons StayFocusd - Chrome Web Store (google.com)
ALERTING		
Alarmy	Alarmy turns your iPhone into a motivational alarm clock that helps you get out of bed first, and makes you get all your 'to do's done successfully in the morning.	Alarmy - Alarm Clock on the App Store (apple.com) Alarmy - Morning Alarm Clock - Apps on Google Play

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