



Public Site

INFORMATION ABOUT MAGNIFICATION:

To enlarge on-screen materials on a laptop computer or Chromebook:

Hold the “Control” button and press the “+” (plus) key the number of times required

To decrease the size of on-screen materials on a laptop computer or Chromebook:

Hold the “Control” button and press the “-” (minus) key the number of times required

***NOTE:** The above actions allow a temporary change in the on-screen view, but does not change the size that the material will print out, save, or send in.

For Vision SEA Laptop Computers with Zoomtext Software Installed:

Your child can use this software to have all materials magnified on the screen at all times. As above, this does not change the size that the material will print out in, save in, or send in.

For more information about the Zoomtext software, and to refer to the manual listing hotkeys if your child is having difficulty remembering, please use the following link:

<https://www.freedomscientific.com/products/software/zoomtext/>

****NOTE:** If all of the steps above have been considered/followed and your child is ***still having difficulties visually accessing the materials*** that the classroom teacher is posting/assigning, please contact the class/course teacher and inform them of these issues. The teacher can then contact the Vision Services Department for an alternate solution.

VISUAL FATIGUE FOR CHILDREN WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS

As a result of your child’s vision issues, he/she may experience eye fatigue when focusing on on-line school work for an extended period of time. Some signs of this fatigue may be burning/itchy/watery eyes, eye rubbing, headaches, blurred vision, lack of focus, skipping words/lines of text, or seeing words “moving” on the page. If this begins to occur, encourage your child to take short breaks when completing assigned work. During these breaks your child can work on activities that are less visually straining (i.e., listen to music, take a short walk, rest, assist with household chores, etc.).



FREE ACCESS TO TEXTBOOKS/NOVELS/AUDIO BOOKS

1. If the school has previously downloaded texts to your child's device from AERO (Alternative Education Resources for Ontario) he/she will:

- still have access to these resources via their Google Drive ("Shared with Me" folder)
- still have access to *Google Read & Write* (for more info. on Read & Write, go to the Special Education section in the parent portal)

2. CELA (Centre for Equitable Library Access):

- students with a visual impairment or print disability qualify for a free account (with library card and documents supporting disability), allowing them access to thousands of online titles in a variety of formats (www.celalibrary.ca).

3. Sora (for eBooks and Audiobooks)

- access is available via WCDSB's Virtual Learning Commons (VLC) <http://vlcguides.wcdsb.ca/home/EZFind> (SORA will be on left-hand side of screen), or using the URL address <https://soraapp.com/welcome/login/200804> (find our board name if going in this way)
- Login= school ID# (same as library #) and Password= (birthdate) MMDDYYYY
- For Help re: SORA <http://vlcguides.wcdsb.ca/home/overdrive>
- For additional help or to request a specific book not on Sora, please contact Shelley Wood at: Shelley.Wood@wcdsb.ca

4. Capstone Interactive Library (for Nonfiction eBooks)

- access is available via WCDSB's Virtual Learning Commons (VLC) <http://vlcguides.wcdsb.ca/home/EZFind> (Capstone will be on left-hand side of screen), or using the URL address <http://www.mycapstonelibrary.com/menu/#/bookshelf>
- Login= school ID# (same as library #) and Password= (birthdate) MMDDYYYY

5. Tumblebook Library and Biblioenfants (for Animated Talking Picture Books, Novels, Nonfiction Books, Graphic Novels, Videos and Read-alongs)

- access is available via WCDSB's Virtual Learning Commons (VLC) <http://vlcguides.wcdsb.ca/home/EZFind> (Tumblebook Library will be on left-hand side of screen), or using the URL address <https://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/Home.aspx?categoryID=77>
- Login= school ID# (same as library #) and Password= (birthdate) MMDDYYYY

