



Public Site

ACCESSIBLE TECHNOLOGY

1. Accessible Typing Practice

Talking Typing Club using Voice Over (Apple device)

<https://www.typingclub.com/help/voice-over.html>

Typio (free trial)

-Cloud based audible and very visual typing tutor

<https://www.accessibyte.com/typio-online-page/>

Other Typing Programs:

<https://www.typing.com>

2. Options for Enlargements

Built-In Options for Enlarging Items on Computer/Chromebook Screens

- hold control button and press the plus key as many times as needed

Built-In Options for Decreasing Size of Items on Computer/Chromebook Screens

- hold control button and press the minus key as many times as needed

Other Zoom Options for Devices if the Built in Zoom Options on the Computer/Chromebook is Not Sufficient

- Zoomtext (a screen magnification software) is free for use on personal computers at home until June 30th

<https://www.freedomscientific.com/products/software/zoomtext/> (Zoomtext area of the site)

Instructions for Zoomtext Instructions/Hotkeys for Visually Impaired Students

<https://www.freedomscientific.com/products/software/zoomtext/> (Zoomtext documentation area of the site)



3. Obtaining Accessible Materials

a) 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)

b) CELA (Centre for Equitable Library Access):

- Free accessible books (Electronic formats such as Audible, MP3, DAISY audio; LP and Braille lending formats are currently suspended due to COVID-19)
- 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).
- **NOTE:** CELA requires a membership--you must have local library card and submit paperwork confirming the child's Visual Impairment or Print Disability to Obtain a Free Membership <https://celalibrary.ca/about-us>

c) 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

d) 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

e) 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



4. Scanning Materials from Home

Scanning Completed Work using an iPhone or iPad

Use your “Notes App”:

- Open a new note
- Press the camera button
- The option to scan the document will pop up--select it
- Position the document to be scanned
- Crop if required
- Save the scan

It can now be e-mailed or shared with your child’s teacher.

**NOTE: Once the document is scanned you can email it using less bandwidth than a regular photo would require

Scanning Completed Work Using Android Cellphone--using Google Drive

Using the Google Drive:

- Touch the “+” button (lower right corner of home screen)
- Choose “scan” when the menu slides up from the bottom (but ensure that you “allow” permission for access to the phone’s camera)
- Choose Scan to PDF
- Tap + to scan more pages, or click the checkmark to upload the document to the Google Drive

This can then be shared or e-mailed with your child’s teacher

5. Accessing Current Events

Online Current Events Website for Grades 3 and Up (you can pick the educational level that the news is presented in) <https://www.currents4kids.com/> (free until June)



FUNCTIONAL/ACADEMICS/DAILY LIVING SKILLS

Making Accessible Family Games/Activities for All

www.tsbvi.edu/instructional-resources/1913-creating-educational-toys-and-activities-for-children-who-are-blind-or-visually-impaired

Assisting Children with Visual Impairments with Multiple Needs

Establishing Routines for Students with Visual Impairments and Multiple Needs

<https://www.pathstoliteracy.org/developing-routines>

Task Analysis for Students with Visual Impairments and Multiple Needs

<https://www.pathstoliteracy.org/blog/using-task-analysis-promote-independence>

While You Are Home: Activities for Children with CVI:

<https://www.pathstoliteracy.org/blog/while-you-are-home-activities-children-cvi>

<https://www.pathstoliteracy.org/cvi/strategies>

Literacy and Visual Impairments--General Information

General Information about Literacy and Visual Impairments

<https://familyconnect.org/browse-by-age/grade-schoolers/education-grade-schoolers/how-students-with-low-vision-read-and-write/>

