

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

The Office of Disability Services Assistive Technology Lab is available for ODS students to receive training and support in using a wide variety of assistive technology. For students who have been diagnosed with Visual, Auditory and Perceptual Communication Disorders the following software is available in our lab:

DRAGON Naturally Speaking:

- Talk to your computer and watch words quickly appear in documents
- Create documents 3x faster than typing by hand
- Up to 99% accurate with no spelling mistakes
- Everything you need to get started, including a free high-quality headset microphone
- Dictate letters and emails or surf the Web by voice right away

JAWS:

Get started today working with all your Microsoft and IBM Lotus® Symphony™ applications using JAWS®, the world's most popular screen reader. Developed for computer users whose vision loss prevents them from seeing screen content, JAWS reads aloud what's on the PC screen.

Compatible with the most frequently-used workplace and classroom applications

JAWS enables you to work with Lotus Symphony, a suite of IBM® tools for word processing, spreadsheets, and presentation creation and with Lotus Notes® by IBM. JAWS also is compatible with Microsoft® Office Suite, MSN Messenger®, Corel® WordPerfect, Adobe® Acrobat Reader, Internet Explorer™, Firefox™ - and many more applications that are used on a regular basis on the job and in school.

Kurzweil:

Kurzweil 3000™ is a comprehensive reading, writing and learning software solution for any struggling reader, including individuals with learning difficulties, such as dyslexia, attention deficit disorder or those who are [English Language Learners \(ELL\)](#).

Kurzweil 3000, is [research](#) based and enables struggling readers in grades 3 and above to learn from the same content as their peers as it provides access to virtually any text or curriculum, including print, electronic, and Web-based documents.

In addition, Kurzweil 3000 supports the principles of [Universal Design for Learning \(UDL\)](#) enabling students of all abilities to engage with digital text. Kurzweil 3000 can be used at all levels within a multi-tiered system of support (such as Response to Intervention (RTI))

to prevent students' academic performance from slipping. [Ask the right questions before you purchase.](#)

For students with low vision; we can enlarge the font of any reading material. In addition, students can use

DRAGON Naturally Speaking or Kurzweil with enlarged fonts.