Empower students with assistive tech solutions from Microsoft and its partner ecosystem

Microsoft offers a range of assistive technologies included in Windows 10, Office 365, and Edge at no additional cost to the user. Leverage integrated assistive technologies or build upon the platform with specialized 3rd party solutions.

Reading

Beyond screen reading, Immersive Reader provides alternative pathways to fostering comprehension.

	Microsoft Office Online				Google G Suite			Don Johnston	texthelp	JAWS
Product	Word	PowerPoint	OneNote	Teams	Docs	Slides	Sheets	Snap&Read	read&write	Screen Reader
Cost per student per year	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0.5-$2	$1.75-$12	$90
Feature Immersive reading	✔	✗	✔	✔	✗	✗	✗	✔	✔	✗
Parts of speech	✔	✗	✔	✔	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Picture dictionary	✔	✗	✔	✔	✗	✗	✗	✔	✔	✗
Line focus	✔	✗	✔	✔	✗	✗	✗	✔	✔	✗
Translation	✔	✗	✔	✔	✔	✗	✗	✔	✔	✗

Writing

Tools like Dictation help make writing and in-class note-taking easier and more efficient.

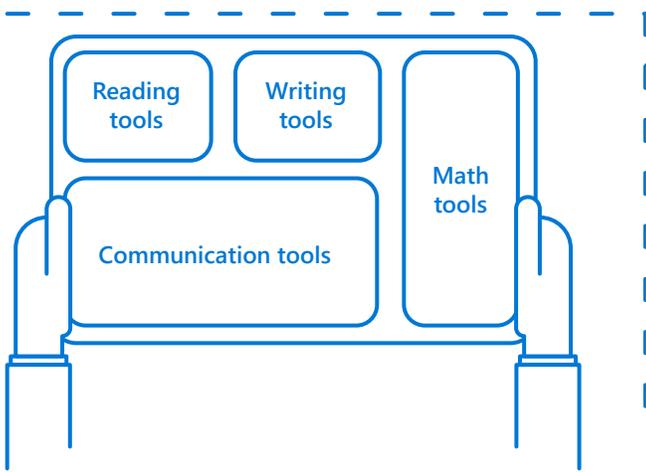|	Microsoft Office Online			Google G Suite			Don Johnston	texthelp	Nuance
Product	Word	PowerPoint	OneNote	Docs	Slides	Sheets	Co:Writer	read&write	Dragon
Cost per student per year	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0.5-$2	$1.75-$12	$150
Feature Speech to text (dictation)	✔	✗	✔	✔	✗	✗	✔	✔	✔
Basic word prediction when using Windows 10	✔	✔	✔	✗	✗	✗	✔	✔	✗
Advanced word prediction	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✔	✔	✗
Talking spell/grammar check	✔	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✔	✔	✗
Advanced spelling/grammar and natural language processing	✔	✔	✗	✗	✗	✗	✔	✔	✗
Inking	✗	✗	✔	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

Math

OneNote, included with Office 365, offers an easy-to-use math toolset with graphing and handwriting recognition.

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Feature Equation recognition	✗	✗	✔	✗	✗	✗	✔	✗	✗
Equation/expression checker	✗	✗	✔	✗	✗	✗	✔	✗	✗
Speech to math	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✔	✗	✗
Inking	✗	✗	✔	✗	✗	✗	✔	✗	✗

Communication

Real-time captioning makes instruction more accessible to English language learners.

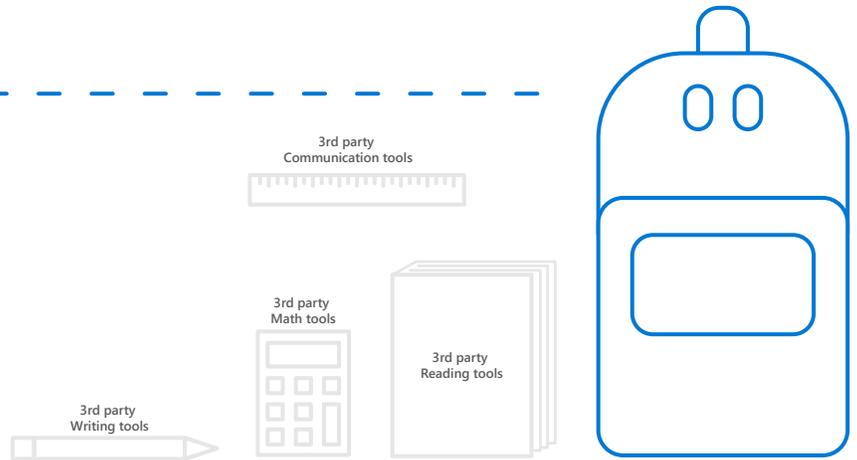|	Microsoft Office Online				Google G Suite			Don Johnston	texthelp
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Feature Real-time captioning	✗	✔	✗	✔	✗	✗	✔	✗	✗
Real-time translation	✗	✔	✗	✔	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Automatic alternative text	✗	✔	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

M365 model

Common interfaces
Centralized deployment
Available to all (UDL)
No additional-charge

Using the built in assistive tech tools in Microsoft 365 allows easy access for all, common interfaces, and streamlined deployments while reducing costs.

Reading tools

Writing tools

Math tools

Communication tools

Add-on model

Advanced features
Extended support
Individual licensing options
Customized deployments

Integrating add-ons to Microsoft 365 allows for even further specialized assistance with advanced features and extended support.

3rd party
Communication tools

3rd party
Math tools

3rd party
Reading tools

3rd party
Writing tools

Benefits of M365 assistive technologies

Beyond just a feature set, these assistive technologies help boost performance, save time, and cut costs. Consider these benefits when choosing assistive technology solutions.

Improved student outcomes

Providing all students with the same assistive tools reduces the stigma associated with specialized technologies and supports undiagnosed disabilities as well as individual learning preferences.

Lower total cost of ownership

While many assistive technologies offer valuable specialized solutions, having individual credentials, licenses, and compatibility concerns can increase IT costs and management requirements.

Teacher time savings

By utilizing existing tools in a consistent, reliable environment, educators are able to spend less timing training and troubleshooting and more time working with students.

Simplified management

Offering a complete and robust solution, M365 eliminates the need for custom deployment packages, streamlines management through Intune, and unifies assistive tech access under a single account.

Learn more about M365 assistive tech

http://aka.ms/LearningTools

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