

Technology tools can enhance academic achievement in written expression, reading, mathematics, and spelling; improving organization; and fostering social acceptance. Assistive technology helps students save time and overcome challenges, such as slow note-taking and poor handwriting, allowing them to demonstrate their abilities in ways that were once unimaginable.

Our faculty stay up to date with the latest information about a range of technological tools—from voice recognition programs that let users dictate ideas and watch them appear on their computer screens to recording devices that take the stress out of note-taking. Each of these easy-to-use tools can make an enormous difference for students who experience academic frustration.

Students in elementary classes gain exposure to technology tools as they aid in fluency and enhancing productivity. In the middle grades, a “Tech Tools” course is offered to ensure that students are prepared for 21st century learning and supported in areas that they may find challenging. Our faculty select digital platforms that inspire students to engage with content.

Productivity

- Google Account (Gmail, Google Drive, Google Docs)
- Google Keep – reminders and list making tool

Assistive Technology

- BeeLine Reader – improve readability
- Birdhelper – *Chrome extension to support web browsing, readability, text to speech.*
- Natural Reader -*reads PDF and Word docs aloud*
- Speak It!- *Chrome extension. Highlight text on webpage and browser will read aloud.*
- Read&Write- chrome extension
- Co-Writer- grammar and vocabulary smart word prediction and speech recognition
- BookShare- audio books to support grade-level comprehension and vocabulary

Teacher Tools

- NearPod
- Plickers
- PlayPosit
- Actively Learn
- Newsela
- Grammarly