



What is the High Tech Center?

The High Tech Center is a computer lab on campus for DSPS students.

This lab is different from the other computer labs on campus because it offers assistive hardware and software for disabled students. The High Tech Center also has staff to assist students in the use of assistive hardware and software.

What software and hardware is available and how can it help me?

The High Tech Center has the following software and hardware available;



Software

Dragon Naturally Speaking

This software translates the words you speak into a microphone into text in a word processing program. This program is recommended for students who have difficulty typing due to limited hand use; it can also be useful for students with dyslexia or low vision.

Inspiration

This software is a tool to help students visualize and organize essays and other writing projects. This software is recommended for all students but especially those who struggle with compositions and essays.

Kurzweil 3000

This software translates text into speech. A book or page of text is scanned into the software which then can be read by the program using different computer voices. This software is useful to many types of students but most especially those with visual impairments or dyslexia.

Read and Write Gold

This software translates computer text into speech. Text from pdf files or web pages can be read by the program and heard through speakers or headphones. This software also has a screen capture feature for reading text in images on webpages. This software is useful to many types of students but most especially those with visual impairments or dyslexia.



Typing Instructor

This software helps students to learn or improve their typing skills. Students new to computers can find this a helpful and fun tool to aid in their learning of basic computer skills (mouse, keyboard).

Jaws

This software allows blind or severely low vision students to hear web pages or programs on the computer.

ZoomText

This software magnifies the items on the computer screen to make it easier for low vision students to see and read.

Computers

All computers in the High Tech Center also have the same basic software available elsewhere on campus, such as Microsoft Office, Publisher, Adobe Acrobat Reader, Math XL, Photoshop and more.

Hardware

- Large Monitors
- Tape Recorders
- Trackballs
- Ergonomic Keyboards
- Scanners
- Wrist Rest
- Headphones
- FM Hearing System
- Spell Checkers



For Questions?

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