**What is Assistive Technology?**
Assistive Technology includes assistive, adaptive and rehabilitation devices for people with disabilities.

**TEXT READERS**
Text Readers are software programs that read electronic text.

- **Kurzweil 3000**
  - www.kurzweiledu.com
- **Premier**
  - www.readingmadeez.com
- **NaturalReader**
  - www.naturalreaders.com
- **ReadPlease**
  - www.readplease.com
- **Microsoft Text Reader**
- **DocuPen**
  - www.planon.com

**TALKING WORD PROCESSORS**
Talking Word Processors are writing software programs that provide speech feedback as the student writes, echoing each letter as it is typed and each word as the spacebar is pressed. These programs often include other assistive features such as word prediction and spell check.

- **Premier Talking Word Processor**
  - www.readingmadeez.com
- **WriteOutLoad**
  - www.donjohnston.com
- **MAGic**
  - www.freedomscientific.com
- **ZoomText**
  - www.aisquared.com
- **Microsoft Magnifier**
- **Mac Magnifier**
  - www.apple.com/accessibility/macosx/vision.html

**LOW VISION USERS**

- **Echo Smart Pen**
  - www.livescribe.com
- **DocuPen**
  - www.planon.com

**TALKING CALCULATORS AND DICTIONARIES**
A talking calculator has a built-in speech synthesizer that reads aloud each number, symbol, or operation key a user presses; it also vocalizes the answer to the problem. A talking dictionary will read the word and definition aloud. Both are available in hand-held models or as software programs.

- **Premier Talking Calculator**
  - www.readingmadeez.com
- **Premier Talking Dictionary**
  - www.readingmadeez.com
- **Various talking calculators and dictionaries**
  - www.abledata.com
  - www.maxiaids.com
  - www.independentlivingaids.com

**SPEECH-TO-TEXT PROGRAMS**
Speech-to-text programs allow the user to convert spoken words into text.

- **Dragon Naturally Speaking**
  - www.nuance.com/naturallyspeaking

**Digital Recorders**
Digital Recorders are used to record lectures. Olympus and Sony are two manufacturers.