

Apps in the Class Pro-D Handout

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App Synopsis



Dragon Speak & Dictate – Our district has access to the Dragon Naturally Speaking software for PC. This program has the capability to operate a PC using only your voice. That said as an educational tool, its primary use is for students to “write.” The software will slowly learn how the user talks and more accurately type in what the user wants. This is a great potential adaption for students who have trouble writing to be able to stay in the regular stream.

Dragon Dictate is a similar program but is a free app for the tablet. The limitations here are it will write what you say and save it as a note. The user must then E-mail it to their computer to create an actual document. This is a great way to incorporate student devices in a productive manner.

Google Read & Write – This is a chrome based application that can read text, PDF’s, and just about any text displayed inside the realm of the Chrome web browser. Register an E-mail and receive the full program for 30 days. Afterwards it will only do speech to text. That said the full program is \$100 for a single user for a year. There are educational deals as well and teachers can register for free access. To use in a class setting create a class account and have students log-in to that E-mail. There is also an app for the tablet as well and links to your account from your PC. Full details at <https://rwchrome.texthelp.com/drive/Support/Home>

Hour of Code – A website that contains tutorials and information about coding and hosts the annual hour of code across the globe. Perfect for young minds beginning their experience in computer science & coding. Their website is <https://code.org/>

Doceri – Doceri is an app for the tablet that can link your iPad to your PC. Then you can walk around with your desktop and control your computer from your device. This program also features recording and screen casting features to create instructional videos.

Aurasma – Aurasma is an augmented reality app that has both a PC and tablet version for use. Aurasma is a free app that allows the user to attach pictures or video to real world objects. Then other users who also have the app on their mobile device can view that picture or video by scanning the object. This works similarly to a QR code. There are many uses for this app and limited only by your imagination.

Check out their site for additional info <https://www.aurasma.com/>

Kahoot! – Kahoot! is another free online website/app that makes quizzing fun and a tad competitive. The teacher creates the quizzes or finds quizzes from the ever-growing quiz bank and selects one to play. Users then either log-in to the quiz on their mobile device or on the PC using the unique game pin and create a nickname for themselves. The quiz software then awards points based on the speed of a correctly answered question. The quiz software keeps track of how many respondents answered each question correctly and for the students themselves how far ahead or behind the leader you are. A very fun tool for an informal assessment method. Check it out here <https://getkahoot.com/> to edit/make quizzes and <https://kahoot.it/#/> to play a quiz.

Prezi – Prezi is a web based presentation tool that allows for a creative way to create and present material rather than using the slide based system of Microsoft PowerPoint. You build your presentation on a huge canvas and the order of your presentation is depicted by circles (or shape of your choice) that represent slides in the conventional sense. <https://prezi.com/>

Edmodo – Edmodo is an online classroom environment app. Edmodo in a nutshell is a Facebook-itized Moodle. As a teacher you can create groups aka classes/join communities aka collaboration/assign work and connect with parents. Edmodo is offered both on the computer and mobile devices. Students don't require an E-mail address to sign up! Students can then access course material, create posts, comment, and hand-in assignments all in Edmodo. Parents can check on their child's progress and you can message parents with group posts. There is even a built in gradebook where you can keep your marks and export them to Microsoft Excel if needed. There is so much more than a brief synopsis can describe so check it out here <https://www.edmodo.com/>

Weebly – Weebly is an easy to use website builder. Students and teachers with no coding experience can easily build and publish a website in one day. Weebly does offer some support for teachers creating an online class website and allows submissions for work. Weebly is also a great tool for students to create a digital portfolio of their work and should be encouraged. You can pay for the pro version, however, it is entirely optional. An E-mail address is required to use this website builder. Check it out here <http://www.weebly.com/> and education version <https://education.weebly.com/>