

Supportive Resources for Students with Diverse Learning Needs

Physical tools:

- [Color Overlays](#)
 - Designed to make reading more accessible for people with visual processing disorders
 - Especially helpful for people with poor eye contact, folx with ASD, or those with visual stress
 - [Blue overlays](#) tend to be the most popular for the neurodivergent crowd
- [Magnifying bar](#)
 - Magnifiers enlarge a complete line at a time and enhance reading flow
- [Blue-light blocking glasses](#)
 - Help with eye strain as they block out artificial light and blue-light from screens
- [Migraine glasses](#)
 - Help limit symptoms of light sensitivity

Speech-to-text apps:

- [PDF Docs Voice Aloud Reader HD](#)
 - According to reviews, this is the best free alternative to speechify
- [Speechify](#)
- [Murf](#)
- [Scanning pens](#)
 - Available to eligible students via McBurney
- [Listening.io](#)
- [Kurtzweil 3000](#)
 - McBurney center recommends this as the best app for speech-to-text capabilities
 - Students with McBurney accommodations can access the app on their personal devices. Those without accommodations can access the software in the SSW library on the adaptive workstation (GLS-ASWL6257) or at any of the [InfoLab computer workstations](#) on campus.
 - Any student with a NetID can upload PDFs and Word documents to the program and it will read it. They could also scan a chapter of a

book to themselves and upload that to Kurzweil 3000 and it will convert it to audio.

- McBurney is working on obtaining a campus-wide license, so please check back regularly for updates.

Apps/browser extensions to make text easier to read:

- [Bionify](#)
 - Alters texts so the most concise parts of words are highlighted
- [Bionic reading](#)
 - Highlights certain parts of words and allows you to read and retain information
- [BeeLine reader](#)
 - Eye guiding color gradient that helps you read more effectively and maintain focus
- [Additional options available here](#)

General study resources:

- [Mendeley](#)
 - Free reference manager where you can store, organize, note, share and cite references and research data
- [How to Become a Straight-A Student: The Unconventional Strategies Real College Students Use to Score High While Studying Less](#)
 - Called Newports book for study methods
- [Pomodoro timer](#)