

Kurzweil 3000 – Solutions for Struggling Readers

Overview

Kurzweil 3000™ is the comprehensive reading, writing and learning software solution for any struggling reader, including individuals with learning difficulties, such as dyslexia, attention deficit disorder or those who are English Language Learners.

With Kurzweil 3000, Kurzweil Educational Systems, Inc. is committed to helping schools meet the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) and demonstrate success in the classroom for all students.

Kurzweil 3000 – Reading, Writing and Learning Software for Struggling Students – offering:

Access to Any Curriculum – The software can access virtually any information, whether it is printed, electronic, or on the Web. Because Kurzweil 3000 is also content independent, teachers in elementary schools, middle schools, high schools and colleges alike use it to help students succeed in the classroom regardless of curriculum or lesson plan.

Increased Reading Fluency – Educators and independent research have demonstrated that Kurzweil 3000 provides not only the tools students need to improve their reading speed and comprehension, but also the features that make it possible for them to learn and study independently.

Study Skills – With the aid of visual and auditory feedback, the software helps students keep up with assigned reading, learn critical study skills, Kurzweil 3000 facilitates active reading including: highlighting, text circle tools, annotations, Bookmarks, Voice Notes and Extract in order to create outlines, study guides, or word lists – all things can improve their reading comprehension and retention.

Decoding Support – It then reads the words aloud to the student in clear, humanlike, synthetic speech, while a patented dual highlighting feature adds visual reinforcement. For students who have difficulty physically accessing curriculum materials, Kurzweil 3000 provides a digital means of engaging with text and can support students who use alternative methods for accessing the computer.

Writing and Self-Editing Tools – As students type, the software speaks each letter or word, so they can quickly recognize and correct spelling mistakes. The Check Spelling As You Type feature underlines misspelled words in red. The audible spell checker and customizable word prediction further assist students with creating and modifying reports, essays and paper without teacher intervention.

Independent Test Taking – With Kurzweil 3000, students can independently complete worksheets; classroom tests and standardized tests with greater confidence and fewer mistakes. Students with accommodations can easily answer fill-in-the-blanks, multiple choice, , true/false, short answer, essay and other test forms while using a customized selection of writing tools, comprehension aids, and visual modifications. Teachers can save documents with specific tool bars and feature locks, while also controlling which Kurzweil 3000 features are available to students during testing. Kurzweil 3000 supports the teaching and learning of reading skills that are necessary for meeting state and federal mandates. Kurzweil 3000 not only reads questions and answers aloud, it allows students to type answers directly onto the image of a scanned test, thereby offering more independence for both the student and teacher. In addition, the product is proving instrumental for both classroom and standardized assessments.

Network Edition

All Kurzweil 3000 products are available in network editions, where students can log on from any networked computer running Kurzweil 3000 and access their personal settings and files. Educators and network administrators can centrally track student usage and progress and control the number of licenses in use.

In addition, the new Remote License-to-Go™ feature (for Windows only) allows granting of licenses to users' laptop computers, so users can access Kurzweil 3000 without being connected to the network. As a result, teachers and students benefit alike by accessing Kurzweil 3000 in or out of the classroom. For instance, if a teacher wants to take work home or have an IEP meeting with a student's parents to show Kurzweil 3000, or if a student needs to do homework, Kurzweil 3000 is available whenever and wherever they are.

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