

# *Richmond County School System*

## SPECIAL EDUCATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES

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**To:** *RCSS Administrators, Teachers, Liaisons, Parents & Students*

**From:** *Larry McAlevy, Assistive Technology Facilitator*

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**Date:** *January 2016*

**Re:** *2015/16 Premier Assistive Technology Software*

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We want to share some great news with you about our **Premier AT Home** website where you can download reading, writing and studying tools that can be used on your **home** computers. The Premier Assistive Technology Software Accessibility Suite that is available on special education classroom computers in our schools is again available to all of our Richmond County students at home. The software can be downloaded by the parent free of charge. Parents of RCSS students and their child's teachers may go to the Premier Assistive Technology website at [www.premierathome.com](http://www.premierathome.com) and download the "Literacy Productivity Pack" software. The user name for our county is **Richmond** and the password is **access**. To download the software, do the following:

Go to <a href="http://www.premierathome.com">http://www.premierathome.com</a> Log in by using <b>Richmond</b> as user name and <b>access</b> as password Click on "Products" bar to view product Information Click on "Start Downloading" link Under "Literacy Productivity Pack" click on the version for your computer (32 or 64-bit) Click "Run" to install
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Premier AT will also provide Tech Support to our parents and students at home. The phone number is Premier Literacy **815-927-7390**. When you access the website you will see some of the following features:

- A Getting Started page that will help you determine which tools might be best for you.
- A detailed description of each tool is right on the site so you don't have to look anywhere else.
- Additional support options like online video tutorials, online product manuals and email and phone contact information for Technical Support and Customer Service.

Don't forget that these tools will work on Windows XP, Vista and Windows 7, 8 operating systems. (Older Windows operating systems are not supported.) We're excited about this service and hope that you'll make use of the great tools that can benefit you at school and at home. See other side for a description of programs →→

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## DIGITAL LITERACY TOOL DESCRIPTIONS

Below are brief descriptions of each tool included in the Premier Literacy Suite. Additional information about each product can be obtained on Premier Literacy's website, [www.readingmadeez.com](http://www.readingmadeez.com) or by calling Premier Literacy.

**Universal Reader Plus©** Universal Reader Plus is a very easy-to-use utility that reads to you, and it works with virtually any application. It is ideal for reading email, Microsoft Word documents and web pages. Universal Reader Plus includes the added benefits of Premier Literacy's Language Model Information Summarization (LMIS) technology and multi-lingual support.

**Worksheet Wizard©** The Worksheet Wizard is a learning tool optimized to work with worksheets and forms. It is ideal for filling out forms and adding annotations to existing PDF files or worksheets. The Worksheet Wizard solves the problem of how to work with documents that are typically designed for handwritten completion.

**English Talking Dictionary©** The English Talking Dictionary is a comprehensive and unabridged dictionary AND thesaurus that contains more than 250,000 words and definitions that can be read to you. It includes references to historical people, places, technical jargon and slang and will work with any computer application. With our new INTERLINK technology, relational word linking allows the user to search by idea or concept.

**Talking Word Processor©** Talking Word Processor is a fully-functional word processing package that talks. It also includes auditory highlighting, word prediction, content summarization, highlight/extract capabilities, integrated dictionary and a variety of tools to assist in proofing your documents. All files can be saved in standard Microsoft Word format. It is an invaluable tool for teaching word processing and for general literacy.

**E-Text Reader©** The E-Text Reader is designed as an overall robust reading, writing and studying tool. Everyone can benefit from E-Text Reader to help read ANY electronic document in a wide variety of formats. E-Text Reader will read the many literature titles now available in electronic format ("E-Books, or E-Text") and documents in Standard Text, MS Word, RTF ("Rich Text Format"), HTML and DAISY formats. It also includes the break-through auditory highlighting feature, enabling users to see and hear the most relevant parts of a document through audible changes.

**Write Now©** Write Now is a writing tool designed to help writers of all skill levels. It helps users compose small amounts of content prior to posting them to an application. It is compatible with ANY online or proprietary applications including cloud applications like Google Docs™, email, and Facebook. The "writing analyzer" processes the writing and provides specific information regarding word and sentence use, grade level and readability levels. Built-in composition features ensure content is correct BEFORE it becomes a permanent post into a document or on the Internet.

**PDF Equalizer©** PDF Equalizer is a must-have software solution that transforms PDF files from mere content to true study tools. With tools that allow the user to select portions of text to be read aloud, navigate complicated charts and diagrams, even save your own notes, PDF Equalizer is the perfect study tool when using PDF files.

**Text-To-Audio©** Text-To-Audio is a high-end application that can quickly and easily convert PDF files and electronic text to audio formats, including WAV and MP3. Create audio files of electronic study notes, textbooks or classroom handouts.

**Premier Internet Toolbar©** Turbo-charge your Internet experience with the *Premier Internet Toolbar*. It is a custom toolbar designed for Microsoft Internet Explorer. The *Premier Internet Toolbar* provides a variety of useful tools for accessing and capturing the Internet more efficiently, including a Talking Pointer (to read text aloud just by pointing on any text on the Internet), Talking Dictionary, Comprehensive Text Reader, Web Grabber to capture any webpage directly to a PDF, Text Summarization utility, Text-To-MP3 file creation utility, Zoom In/Zoom Out screen magnification, and quick access to the Premier Internet Toolbar training videos. These tools enhance your ability to study, research, retain, and recall information from the Internet more effectively than ever before.

**Scan and Read Pro©** Scan and Read Pro is a fully powered scanning application that creates an electronic file for documents you scan. Works with virtually all flatbed USB scanners, all-in-one units and those with automatic document feeders (ADF). Easy-to-use controls get you up and running quickly. It comes complete with voice capabilities for reading, auditory highlighting, multi-lingual support and summarization features.

**PDF Builder©** Premier PDF Builder makes combining and manipulating PDF files easy. PDF Builder will do everything from creating PDF files from your own documents to capturing scans from your scanner and putting them directly into a PDF file. You can also merge two PDF files, delete pages from a PDF file, and even export a PDF file into six different formats. PDF files are a great way of distributing documents, but previously it was difficult to make changes to PDF files unless you had Adobe® Acrobat®. Now Premier PDF Builder lets you easily make changes to PDF files.

**PDF Magic Pro©** PDF MAGIC Pro can convert virtually ANY PDF file (even encrypted) into any of 11 different file types, including MS WORD, RTF, ASCII TEXT and HTML....all of which are fully accessible. With our new "EXACT MATCH" technology, we also retain full page formatting (including color graphics, photos, boxes, columns, etc.) from the original document to the resulting document. The accuracy and integrity of the document is unsurpassed.

**Text Cloner Pro©** Text Cloner Pro is a scanning application with full OCR (Optical Character Recognition). This is a great companion for visually impaired users who already have screen reader software. This revolutionary one-touch scanning works with virtually any scanner. Converts printed text from a scanner with a press of a button. Scanned text appears on your computer screen. With powerful features such as PDF Import and summarization, users can significantly benefit from more access to alternative content and choice of importance of material being read.

**Talking Checkbook©** Talking Checkbook is a fully functional financial account management application that is fully accessible. It is designed for individuals who find it difficult to see / write in small areas as well as those who find simple financial math difficult. Straightforward interface for easy account management. Has complete check writing features.

**Talking Calculator©** Talking Calculator works with or without a screen reader. Easy to use with large keys and contrasting colors, it displays your entries and your results as you work.

**Magnify It©** Magnify It is a magnification utility that turns your mouse into a magnifier. It has adjustable magnification size and levels and can be toggled ON and OFF with a single keystroke.

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