

Premier AT Home

In order to assist students in accessing Assistive Technology on computers within their homes or on personal laptops, Rainbow has purchased access to the Premier Literacy AT Home website. Families of any student registered in a Rainbow District School Board school may download these Assistive Technology tools without cost!

The various tools available on the Premier AT Home website are being introduced and used by students in Rainbow schools. As a result, your children will be able to access the same tools at home as they use on computers in their schools.

Your home computer/laptop must have the following minimum system requirements in order to download the Literacy Productivity Pack.

Windows OS

- Windows XP, Vista, Windows 7
- 512 MB of RAM
- 200 MB of free disc space
- Mouse, keyboard, speakers
- Scanner (optional)

MAC OS

- Mac OS X v10.7 - 10.8 (Including Mountain Lion)
- Mouse, keyboard, speakers
- Scanner (optional)

Your family may go to www.premierathome.com and download as many of the tools as needed. However, they may only be installed on computers owned by your family.

Once your family enters the website, they will need to use the following username and password to Log In.

Username: rainbow
Password: success

We recommend that you download the **Literacy Productivity Pack**, which includes the entire suite of Premier Tools.

If your family encounters any technical difficulties while downloading or using the program, help is available directly from Premier Literacy.

Rainbow staff would like to hear from your family once they have started to use Premier AT Home. Please email comments to:

hamill@rainbowschools.ca

DIGITAL LEARNING TOOL DESCRIPTIONS

Universal Reader© Universal Reader is the ultimate “read-anything-anytime” program. A world-class, all-purpose utility that allows the user to highlight text and have it read aloud within almost any application. The built-in, revolutionary “Talking Pointer” allows the user to place the cursor over the desired text to have it read aloud. The powerful Language Model Information Summarization (LMIS) feature allows the user to quickly and efficiently summarize information making it a valuable study tool.

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.

French Talking Dictionary© The French Talking Dictionary is a comprehensive and unabridged dictionary that contains more than 189,000 words and definitions that can be read to you in French. The FTD displays derivatives of the selected word; it allows the user to look up words without knowing the exact spelling; and, it can be used without leaving the current application.

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.

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 seem to be designed for handwritten completion.

Talking Word Processor© Talking Word Processor is an easy-to-use and fully functional word processor program with Text-to-Speech capability. Compatible with most word processor files, it boasts many features including Grammar Check, Information Summarization, word & sentence repeat, word prediction, highlight & extract tool, and an integrated 250,000 word dictionary.

E-Text Reader© E-Text Reader is a must-have tool for reading electronic documents. With full editing capabilities and the ability to read multiple file formats, the E-Text Reader is a robust reading tool. Including such features as Information Summarization and text highlight and extract, it is a powerful tool in any Assistive Technology toolbox.

PDF Equalizer© PDF Equalizer ML is an exceptionally powerful program that allows the user enhanced control over PDF files without the complication of conversion. A substantial software solution, it easily reads PDF files aloud, converts to MP3 files, allows for the addition of synchronized NOTES, and offers information summary of content. Adding to its powerhouse features, PDF Equalizer ML supports English, French and Spanish, allowing the user to see dynamic screen changes once a language selection has been made.

Scan and Read Pro© Scan and Read Pro is an affordable software solution for making reading easy. Changing printed text to understandable sound, it aids reading comprehension by highlighting each word as it is read aloud.

Text-To-Audio© A high-end application that takes existing digitized text files and converts them to multiple standard digital audio formats such as WAVE or MP3. Text-to-Audio can be used to create electronic audio books quickly and easily.

PDF Builder© Premier PDF Builder is a tool that helps educators quickly create and manipulate electronic content for the classroom. PDF files are a great format for alternative materials, but making them and manipulating them has always been difficult – until now.

Talking Calculator© Talking Calculator is a fully functional talking calculator that 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.

Talking Checkbook© 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 Checkbook downloads are not available on the AT Home site. For more information on receiving Talking Checkbook for home use, please contact your school's AT Home Program Administrator.

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