

## Recommended Apps to Support Students with Disabilities in Higher Education

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## Note Taking Apps



### Audio Class Notes

**Price: \$1.99 or Free Version**

**Description:** Record your class/lecture notes and tag/bookmark important points to quickly refer back to at a later time. This app is helpful to break down long lectures so that you can quickly find what you missed. (may require a plugged-in microphone on some older devices)



### AudioNote

**Price: \$4.99**

**Description:** This app combines functionality of a notepad and voice recorder to create a powerful note taking tool. Synchronize handwritten and typed notes with audio, add notes later, highlights notes during playback, review notes in iTunes. Audionote automatically indexes your meetings, lectures, or study sessions.



### iTalk Recorder

**Price: Free**

**Description:** full-featured recording app that has an easy to use interface. Has a big red button to record, you can email recordings straight from iTalk, use with iTunes, has auto-noise cancellation features (iPhone 4), search feature to locate recordings, choose between sound quality options.



### Evernote

**Price: Free**

**Description:** This app allows you to keep track of files across devices, take text notes, dictate audio notes, capture pictures, create to do lists, record voice reminders and audio notes, share notes easily, and index these notes by searchable key words.



### Facenote

**Price: \$.99**

**Description:** FaceNote helps you to remember who you need to talk to and what you need to tell them. Link a person's picture to the information you need them to know.



### SmartNote Free

**Price:** Free

**Description:** This app allows the user to take notes in class, sketch out an idea, write personal notes in a password protected notebook, record audio, or simply highlight text in a pdf. You can also upload pdfs through a Dropbox account.



### Simplenote

**Price:** FREE

**Description:** With Simplenote you can take basic notes and upload them to a Web account or sync them with your computer. There is no audio support with this app.



### SoundNote

**Price:** \$4.99

**Description:** take notes in meetings, lectures, and interviews. Tracks what you type and draw while recording audio at the same time. Just tap a word to review what was recorded at the time of typing.



### QuickVoice Recorder

**Price:** FREE

**Description:** record notes, memos, ideas, voice email, dictation, lists, classes, and entire lectures. Able to use other apps in the background while still recording.



### Diigo

**Price:** Free

**Description:** Put a digital library on your ipad to help you organize your work. You can bookmark, archive, annotate, take notes, and capture images to help you collect, easily find, and share your work. You can also access your library from a computer using the [www.diigo.com](http://www.diigo.com) website.



### Notability

**Price:** \$.99

**Description:** Integrates handwriting, PDF annotation, typing, recording, and organizing of notes. Handwriting features allow for easy annotation and you can even prevent unwanted marks with a palm rest. Includes advanced word-processing and you can link audio recordings. Additional features include auto-syncing (to Dropbox, Box, iDisk, WebDAV), media inserts, and library organization. Share notes via email, Dropbox, box, Twitter, iTunes File Sharing, and AirPrint.



### Circus Ponies Notebook

**Price:** \$19.99

**Description:** Record meetings and lectures, take notes in your style (legal paper, graph paper, etc.), outline your notes, include attachments, sync your notes automatically, diagram and sketch, include sticky notes and flags, store information electronically, create dividers to organize your work, find files easily through a feature called Multidex, and create security features.

## Reading Apps



### Read2go

**Price:** \$19.99

**Description:** This allows a person to browse, search, download and read books directly from Bookshare. This app also allows for the user to download non-Bookshare DAISY books from iTunes to the iPad. The app allows control over visual preferences including font size and color, background and highlighting colors, and text-to-speech options. **\*\*Document reading app**



### Blio

**Price:** FREE + \$9.99 for text-to-speech feature

**Description:** This app displays purchased books in full color and layout like the publisher intended. You can sync books to multiple devices. Books can be read aloud by a text-to-speech voice and words highlighted (which requires purchase). You can search unfamiliar words or topics through the web without leaving the book you are reading. You can also choose the way in which you read the book. You can access books from the Blio bookstore or use iTunes to transfer your purchased EPUB, PDF, or XPS formats, via iTunes or the web.



### GoodReader

**Price:** \$4.99

**Description:** This is a pdf reader with advanced reading and annotating capabilities. You can transfer files through the USB connection or via wi-fi. This app also supports large PDF and TXT files, but can also work with MS Office files, iWork, HTML and Safari web archives, images, and audio and video. You can also use the 50x zoom without distorting the text or images!



### Learning Ally

**Price:** Free (must be a Learning Ally member for \$99 a year or 30 days risk free trial)

**Description:** Become a member of Learning Ally if you have documented reading accessibility difficulties. Then access the downloadable DAISY-formatted audiobooks. This app allows you to navigate audiobooks using chapters and page numbers, adjust reading speed, use bookmarks, and voiceover.



### iBooks

**Price:** FREE

**Description:** Download and read bestselling books from the iBookstore and browse through your library on your device. Tap a book to open it and swipe through by tapping. You can bookmark and add notes to your favorite pages. Some books come with audio and additional interactive features. You can also sample books before purchasing. You can also add PDF documents from your mail or add them to iTunes and sync them to your device. You can use the accessibility features that are built-in with your device through this app.



### ReaddleDocs

**Price:** \$4.99

**Description:** Catch documents from any source: PC or MAC computers, web sites, email attachments, iDisk, Dropbox and other online file storages and even iPhones. It is a PDF viewer that lets you copy files, read office documents, save email attachments, share files, read books on the go, transfer files to an iPhone with or without wi-fi, save documents, and access other storage sources.



### Stanza

**Price:** FREE

**Description:** Purchase books from various partner stores, or choose books from Project Gutenberg, Feedbooks, and many other sources. Store and categorize books to the organizer, transfer your own ePub, eReader, PDF, and other archives through file sharing.



### Kobo

**Price:** FREE

**Description:** Download eBooks, connect with Facebook and Twitter, read online content through website and blogs, add books from Safari, iTunes, Mail, Dropbox, or MobileMe iDisk, look up information on Google, get newspaper and magazine subscriptions, choose font style and text, put in night mode, create personal bookshelves, and add notes as you read. You can also access notes and highlights made on other devices.



### iAnnotate PDF

**Price:** \$9.99

**Description:** This allows you to annotate, manage, and share documents from your iPad. You can also take notes on lecture slides, annotate documents, grade papers, and more. Other options include customizable highlighting and underlining features. There is a navigation menu to easily read through pdf documents. In addition, you can connect to various accounts including dropbox, itunes, and email.



### eTextbooks – CourseSmart

**Price:** FREE

**Description:** Access your eTextbooks for quick reference, scan images, tables and charts, skim thumbnails and full pages, edit notes to pages as you study, view notes, and use keyword searches. This app allows you to get a digital equivalent to your textbooks. You need to have a CourseSmart account to use with this app.



### VBookz PDF Voice Reader

**Price:** \$4.99

**Description:** This app lets you read your pdf files aloud. It has navigation tools and allows the reader to listen to text read aloud, pause reading, or repeat lines. PDFs

can be opened with mail, Dropbox, Safari, and others. PDF materials can be read in 16 different languages.



**Audible**

**Price:** Free

**Description:** This app allows you to access your audiobooks and navigate chapters, bookmark, change narration speed, and play as you download the book. You can transfer books from your library to your device. Browse books through Audible.com.



**LITE VOD lite**

**Price:** Free

**Description:** Works with Daisy formatted files; a digital talking book player that you can use the USB transfer function of iTunes to transfer your daisy files to VOD lite.

## Reading Apps – Text to Speech



**Web Reader**

**Price:** \$1.99

**Description:** This app lets you use text to speech to read web pages. Web pages can be read as soon as they are loaded, manually after they are loaded, or you can cut and paste to read the sections of text you would like to have read aloud. You can adjust speed and volume of what is read with two choices for voice. Currently only can be used in English.



**Speak it!**

**Price:** \$1.99

**Description:** This app allows you to read emails, news articles, and documents even while you exit the app and do other things on your iPad or iPhone device. Paste files into Speak it! And have the text spoken back to you. 4 voices included, highlights text as it is read, can create audio files and email them, pause and resume playback, additional voices can be downloaded for a fee, includes other languages – German, Spanish, French, and Italian.





### iSpeech – Text to Speech

**Price:** Free

**Description:** This app allows you to type in text and listen to text read aloud, can purchase additional voices, limitations with copying text and playback.

## Speech to Text Apps



### Dragon Dictation

**Price:** Free

**Description:** This app allows you to use voice-recognition to speak your text or email messages. You can also dictate status updates to social network sites, send notes or reminders to yourself. Supports multiples languages



### QuickVoice2Text Email

**Price:** \$2.99

**Description:** voice recorder to send text emails just using voice and a few touches, records for seconds or hours, use other apps while recording, bonus desktop recorder with syncing features, can email audio files and have them transcribed easily, share information and meeting notes with others.



### TalkBox Voice Messenger

**Price:** Free

**Description:** Exchange, share, and publish voice messages with other friends, organize group chats, use your voice to post to social networks. Use with your iPod and iTunes.

## Writing Apps



### Idea Sketch

**Price:** Free

**Description:** This app allows you to draw a diagram such as a mind map, concept map, flow chart to brainstorm ideas, create lists and outlines, and plan presentations. You can share your ideas with others. For an additional fee you can upgrade to plus version which allows you to organize folders, use more shapes and colors, more fonts, and higher quality diagramming for printing.



### iThoughtsHD

**Price:** \$9.99 (educational discounts available)

**Description:** Mind mapping tool that allows you to visually organize your thoughts, ideas and information. Use to make tasks lists, brainstorm, goal set, create concept maps, and write notes. Export to other applications and email, sync with Dropbox, Box.net, and WebDAV. Send maps to other apps including iBooks, Goodreader, etc. Present ideas on a larger projector, download other maps already generated from biggerplate.com and XMind.net.



### ZenTap

**Price:** Free for trial period or Pro version for \$2.99

**Description:** Allows for faster typing for emails or text messages. It uses a word prediction system to complete words, you can save templates and create shortcuts, customize buttons, or use the translator.



### Brevity

**Price:** \$ .99

**Description:** Helps to write text several times faster, word prediction features which provides a list of possible options once you begin typing, put in your own spellings of words, send emails directly within the application, copy your text to any other application using the clipboard, great for use with other languages.



### TextExpander

**Price:** \$4.99

**Description:** Allows for quicker typing on your ipad or iphone with short abbreviations. You can create a library of shortcuts for text that you use frequently. This is supporting in many other apps and can be used with Dropbox.



### Speller

**Price:** Free

**Description:** Spell checker for English or Spanish words, provides instant feedback for word, alternate spelling suggestions provided, dictionary definitions available on the internet.

## Organization Apps



### Remember the Milk

**Price:** Free

**Description:** Add and complete tasks on the go, sync lists online for backup, organize lists by due dates, time lines, tags; search notes and tasks, get reminders via email and instant messenger, sync across multiple devices.



### EasyTask Manager

**Price:** Free

**Description:** a personal task manager to keep track of your tasks. Simple and easy to use interface and runs on multiple devices with options to sync to computers via your iphone or ipad device.



### HomeRoutines

**Price:** \$3.99

**Description:** Create routine checklists, set reminders, and automatically refresh your lists each morning. Free online editing and syncing between devices, keep track of chores and to-do lists to keep clutter free with organizing; app has a built-in timer.



### iReminder (Reminder and To Do List)

**Price:** \$.99

**Description:** A modern reminder and To Do list App to set up reminders including features for snooze, alerts popup box, categories, repeat alerts, and non-alert categories.



### iProcrastinate

**Price:** \$.99

**Description:** A mobile task management application to keep track of dates, priorities, and daily tasks. You can group tasks into groups by low and high priority. You can break tasks down to better track progress.



**Price:** Free

**Description:** Gather and manage tasks, alert you to time and place; save your ideas and to-do lists by creating your own tags, categories, and locations, update to reQall Pro to used advanced features with integration with Outlook and Google Calendar. New accounts can do the reQall Pro version for free for 15 days.

## Study Skills Apps



**Price:** Free

**Description:** Study application with material for any class or standardized test, you can use and create your own, works like a real deck of flashcards, you can email your decks or share them using Dropbox. You can search, study, and make local edits to Quizlet.com flashcards. Good for any academic level.



**Price:** Free

**Description:** Keep track of homework assignments, tests, classes; create class schedules; myHomework is available on the web so you can quickly sync and access your homework from your computer at homeworkapp.com.

## Vision Apps



**Price:** Free

**Description:** Users who are blind can recruit sighted workers to help them with visual problems in real-time. Users take a picture with their phone, speak a question, and then receive multiple spoken answers.



### Image To Text - OCR

**Price:** Free

**Description:** This app allows you to extract ASCII text from images and share information by email or evernote. This app is free and requires no registration. Take a pictures of a document would like like to extract text from and email the image to yourself or friends.

## Alternative Augmentative Communication Apps



### Proloquo2go

**Price:** \$189.99

**Description:** Proloquo2go provides a full-featured augmentative and alternative communication solution. It provides natural sounding text-to-speech voices, up-to-date symbols, powerful automatic conjugations, and a default vocabulary of over 8000 items. This app is now universally supported on multiple personal devices at one time (e.g. iPad, iPhone, iPod touch), so no need to purchase twice.



### TouchChat HD

**Price:** lite version: \$9.99 (no voice output); \$149.99 basic version, \$299.99 with word power

**Description:** This app is a full-featured communication system for individuals who have difficulty using their natural voice. Words, phrases and messages are spoken with built-in synthesizer for playing recorded messages. The user can navigate through page sets and speak messages. TouchChat pages can be shared on other social networks. The pages, grid layout, buttons, messages and symbols are fully customizable. Buttons can be copied and pasted into other locations. Over 10,000 Symbolstix symbols are included for customizing. Use photos to also help customize your pages.



### Predictable

**Price:** \$159.99

**Description:** Predictable is a text-to-speech application that offers customizable functions to meet the needs of people with communication difficulties. It uses an on-screen keyboard and textbox to type messages. It also allows customizable phrases to be saved. Text and messages can be sent to email or other social network

sites. It offers prediction software and switch access (3 different types of switches can be used: plug in switch, a Bluetooth switch, or use of whole screen as a switch). This application is available on all iDevices.



### iCommunicate

**Price:** \$49.99

**Description:** Use this app to create pictures, flashcards, storyboards and visual schedules with or without audio. Custom audio is available. Boards can include personal pictures and images. Text-to-speech with 20 voice options. Access to 10,000+ symbols through N2Y Symbolstix for free.



### Verbally

**Price:** FREE; upgrade for \$99.99 to Verbally Premium to save/organize your own words and phrases, access more voices, and individualize the app to your needs

**Description:** This app comes with a core words/phrases grid and uses word predictions to reduce the number of taps needed to enter text and create speech output. It also comes with an on-screen keyboard for typing in your own words. You can change the layout of the keyboard and change features for fine motor difficulties.



### Voice4u

**Price:** \$39.99

**Description:** Voice4u is designed to help people of all ages with communication difficulties to share their needs and wants. You can personalize the application to create your icons, categories, and use of your own audio. It has features to design your visual schedules and social stories. It is limited to only 9 categories, but simple and easy to use.



### Expressionist

**Price:** \$9.99

**Description:** Expressionist is designed to help users to express and model expressions. Over 120 commonly used expressions are organized into 7 different categories: common phrases/greetings, feelings/emotions, senses, health/well-being, actions/activities, requests, and questions.



### SmallTalk Aphasia – Male/Female

**Price:** Free

**Description:** This app is designed for people with an impairment of the ability to speak. It lets you take a set of words and phrases to use in everyday situations such as shopping, doctor’s appointments, phone conversations, or emergencies. There is a female and male version for speech features.



### TapSpeak Button

**Price:** \$14.99

**Description:** This app modernizes the idea of a mechanical switch that records and plays messages. It aims to provide a portable, convenient, and stigma-free tool to use for basic teaching and communication tasks, especially for cause and effect relationships.



### TapToTalk

**Price:** FREE for starter album only; \$99.95 for 1-year; \$179.95 for lifetime

**Description:** This app allows the user to communicate basic tasks by touching a picture to get speech output. It comes with a functional starter album, but you can go to their website at: [www.taptotalk.com](http://www.taptotalk.com) to create your own. There is a library of over 2,000 pictures available. You can add your own pictures and record your own voice. You can also sync your individualized albums via the internet and have them directly inputted into your device.



### Talk Assist

**Price:** Free

**Description:** This app allows the user to type/text in what they want to say and then press a “speak” button for voice output. You can save favorite phrases to a history button in the app. This app has limited features and only one voice output.



### My Talk Lite or My Talk Mobile

**Price:** Free, update to My Talk Mobile for \$39.99

**Description:** This app allows the user to interact with 20 cells and 1-2 boards. With the upgrade you can increase to 32,000 cells and customize the boards. Currently, there is only one output voice available.



## Look2Learn

**Price:** \$14.99

**Description:** This app allows individuals to work at their communication level using photographs to express needs and wants. The app can easily be customized to individual needs. The device only holds 140 photos (80 are pre-loaded, but can be deleted to make room for personal photos). Pictures size can be adjusted to support individuals with fine motor difficulties. Audio can be recorded with photographs to customize to individual needs.