

# **STUDENT SUPPORT and DISABILITY RESOURCES & SERVICES DEPARTMENT WITHIN STUDENT AFFAIRS**

## **DISABILITY RESOURCES & SERVICES**

### **Assistive Technology Software/Hardware**

**Kurzweil:** This software is available to any student with a Maricopa email. Kurzweil can assist students with learning, visual, physical or auditory difficulties. This is an assistive technology that does text to speech, and is a learning tool with the idea of Universal Design with concepts for learning that support reading, writing, test-taking and study skills. Kurzweil can enable a visually impaired user to gain access to both web-based, digital or scanned print materials. Kurzweil is available for use on almost all electronic devices and is available in a web based or desktop version.

**Jaws/ZoomText:** Known as Fusion, is also available to anyone with a Maricopa email. You can set up an account by clicking on this link: <https://portal.freedomscientific.com/HomeUse/HigherEd>. ZoomText is more for students who are visually impaired and Jaws is more for students who are blind or with a severe visual impairment. This is a screen reading software program which reads aloud what is displayed on the computer screen text-to-speech. It is very sophisticated and primarily uses keyboard shortcuts. Jaws can also output to a refreshable Braille display. This is also a computer screen magnification and reading software program. It enlarges, enhances everything on the computer screen. It is very user friendly.

**Dragon Naturally Speaking:** for students who struggle with writing or typing. This is a voice recognition software that allows you to speak in to a microphone or headset attached to your computer. It records your spoken words and then will transcribe your recording into text.

### **Other Software/Hardware Devices:**

Recorders, Smartpens, FM Systems, C.A.R.T Services, Scientific Calculators, Alternative Format Books, Colored Over-Lays and more. For additional information on these products please contact the disability Resource office located in BRD-101

