

## Explore Kurzweil 3000 and boost your student's literacy skills

*For parents of students in the junior, middle and secondary grades*

We believe every learner deserves the opportunity to enhance the literacy skills that lead to success inside and outside the educational world.

Kurzweil 3000 is an assistive software program accessible in all Peel board schools, starting June 2015. Kurzweil 3000 can assist students who are struggling with literacy, helping them to become more fluent readers and writers.

Kurzweil 3000 provides e-book resources, digital text books, scanning, text to speech tools, highlighting tools, and is easy to use on any laptop or tablets. The Peel board has enabled students and their parents to access Kurzweil 3000 at home. Download and discover it today!

### **Universal Design for Learning (UDL)**

Kurzweil 3000 is a web-based technology used as a Universal Design for Learning (UDL) to support whole class, small group and personalized instruction.

### **Download**

Visit [www.fireflybykurzweil.com](http://www.fireflybykurzweil.com)  
Please contact your school administrator for login and password information.

### **Powerful software**

There are a variety of options in this software that can help students with homework, presentations, and projects in a unique way.  
[www.kurzweiledu.com](http://www.kurzweiledu.com)

### **Start with text to speech**

Kurzweil 3000 provides a text to speech option that is helpful with reading, writing, comprehension and test taking. Research shows that it helps develop a deeper comprehension of texts.

### **Creating an audio file**

Visit "Parents Boost Learning" at [www.peelschools.org](http://www.peelschools.org) for more *Parent Tip Sheets*.

Options include creating an audio file for an entire document or any page range within a document. Students can then add the audio file to iTunes or Windows Media Player

### **Talking dictionary**

Kurzweil 3000 offers a talking dictionary and a picture dictionary for further comprehension of words.

### **Scan from anywhere**

Kurzweil 3000 offers you the ability to scan text pages or images from anywhere within a document. Students can also use this option for e-books or other digital libraries.

### **Tag the notes**

Students can create any type of notes, such as sticky notes, text notes, bubble notes, column notes, footnotes, or voice notes. They can record their own voice and attach their comments to the document in order to create voice notes.

### **Special Education**

Kurzweil 3000 benefits special education students of all ages by providing them with a variety of resources to assist with literacy and visual tasks.

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### **Support English Language Learners**

The powerful software customizes support for English language learners by providing correct pronunciations of words, as well as an instant dictionary.

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