

APPs for Students with Visual Impairments

(some may just be on the iPhone and may need upgrading to IOS7)

Apple supplied and used (by my students and / or me):

This may seem obvious, but it is always worth it to check what comes with the device

- iBooks
- Camera (photos of others, locations, of their own eyes)
- Calculator
- Messages
- Maps
- Notes
- FaceTime
- Reminders
- Contacts
- Safari
- Siri
- Dragon Dictation
- TapDictionary (to look up words within Safari)
- iPhoto
- iComm
- App store
- iDictation – comes on the keyboards of the newer operating systems and newer iDevices

Accessibility Features:

Accessiblity – Voice Over, Zoom, Large Text, Invert Colors, Speak Selection, Assistive Touch, Guided access

Brightness options

More Apple APPS: Suggested from colleagues in the field (I have not used them yet)

- Air Display
- Game Center

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Non-Apple APPS: Used by my students, colleagues in the field or me:

For Organization:

- Pages
- Notability
- Evernote
- Goodreads –(download books) can only enlarge so much
- Inspiration
- Ideas Sketch

For Teaching:

- ShowMe, YouTube, Flipboard, TED videos
- Vision Assist – can enlarge on-the-spot – works for handouts, short amounts of reading
- iBlink – radio, podcasts, for individuals with visual impairments
- Dropbox
- Vlingo – can use voice activation with email, internet searches
- Skype
- Splashtop

For Accessible materials:

- Readiris
- PDF Expert
- PDF2Ebook
- TEXT2Ebook
- Audible.com

Social / Life skills:

- Stories such as APP “Miss Spider’s Tea Party” can be used to discuss social aspects and making friends
- Can use some of the braille apps in social settings to learn braille, play games with peers (although may not work with Voice Over)
- Virtuoso (can play 2 pianos – with peer on one iPad)

Functional Skills Systems:

- My A-Z – can create your own flashcards, with photos and voice
- Social Skill Builder (has a Lite version)
- Talking Tom (and other animals)
- TimerTouch+
- Game Timer

Vocational:

- Handycashier (a cash register for store employees)

Math:

- Jumbo calculator
- Telling Time

O & M:

- iMove
- Record routes for mobility