Personalized learning solutions from Microsoft Education
Empowering independent learners
As an educator, you want to see every student do their best work, meet their goals, and show sustained progress. Students, meanwhile, want teachers who truly understand them, get to know them as individuals, and give them the personalized attention they need to learn and grow.

But, as you know, designing and teaching courses that support the needs of all students presents a sizeable challenge. Class size is a big factor, of course—but so are differences in abilities, social and emotional skills, and learning styles. It’s estimated that students span four or more reading levels in over 70 percent of classrooms, and a comparable number of classrooms include students with disabilities of some form.

Learning Tools from Microsoft Education help to level the playing field.

Well-researched, developed, and tested education technology can grant teachers real benefits by giving them back some of their time and allowing them to take a more student-centered approach—one that makes personalized learning accessible to students at classroom scale. In other words, the combination of better tools and repurposed time—as much as 30 percent of your day—helps equip you to meet your students’ learning needs. Rather than having to play the part of manager, you can amplify their individual abilities.

At Microsoft Education, our mission of inclusion and empowerment is at the heart of everything we do. Built into Office 365, Learning Tools are a full set of free solutions that implement proven techniques to improve reading and writing skills, help increase confidence, reduce stigma, and empower students of all ages and abilities to be self-directed learners.

Learning Tools build on the social and emotional skills we know are so critical to student success, and are solely devoted to improving educational outcomes—not gleaning user data or marketing insights. Tools like Immersive Reader, Enhanced Dictation (Speech to Text), and Syllabification work with applications like Microsoft Teams, OneNote, Word, Flipgrid, and even in the Edge browser to increase fluency, help build confidence for emerging readers, and provide solutions for students with learning differences like dyslexia. These tools are built on the principal that technology can inspire students, empower educators, and improve learning outcomes so students are ready for their futures.

Start with these questions

• Is it a challenge to allocate your time in order to meet the needs of every student?
• Do you switch between different programs (like translators or dictation tools) to meet the needs of students with different learning styles and abilities?
• Would you use tools specifically designed to help create a non-stigmatizing learning experience for every student?

If you answered yes to any or all of the above, Learning Tools can help.

Learning Tools: Key benefits for students

• Improve reading and comprehension skills for every student, regardless of ability or learning challenges.
• Create a feeling of inclusiveness and belonging for every student.
• Foster independence, growth, and confidence.

Learning Tools: Key benefits for educators

• Built into Office 365, Learning Tools are available and free to use for teachers and students.
• Maximize learning time with easy-to-use tools.
• Share knowledge across your team and your school.

I watched as my students transformed from ‘learning dependent’ to ‘learning independent,’ and it made my heart soar.

Lauren Pittman, Special Education Teacher
Reach every student with Learning Tools, built into Office 365

Help students with dyslexia overcome reading challenges

Line Focus keeps the whole class engaged by helping students read at a pace that works for them and their individual skill levels. This flexible feature can be set to highlight individual syllables, words, or lines of text.

Text to Math is your personal math assistant

From basic math to calculus, you and your students can convert handwritten equations in OneNote to text you can edit with Ink to Math, or simply type them as text and format them the way you want using Text to Math. The math solver then gives step-by-step instructions to the solution, breaking down a complex problem into steps to help students understand the solution process with immediate feedback.

A new tool that helps reach English language learners

Educators manage many types of learners, including language learners who may not speak or understand the language of the classroom. Educators also interact with students’ family members during school enrollment, parent-teacher conferences, and other situations. Microsoft Translator for Education offers seamless classroom integration, helping to bridge communication gaps within presentations, browsing experiences, and casual conversations.

Help new readers connect the dots with Picture Dictionary

The ability to see a picture and see and hear the word simultaneously is a technique that aids reading and comprehension through multi-sensory processing. With the Picture Dictionary, a student can click on a word to immediately see a related picture and have it read aloud as many times as necessary.
Empowering students and educators with Learning Tools

Learning Tools can improve students’ reading, writing, math, and communication skills by empowering them to learn inside their comfort zones in ways that meet their unique learning needs.

Build strong academic foundations

Technology allows teachers to personalize the learning process, creating a strong academic foundation for every student by playing to their strengths. Flexible formats enhance students’ abilities to grasp new concepts, understand subject matter, and feel more confident in the classroom.

Detect problems and intervene earlier

Collaborative tools enable teachers to detect problems and plan for early intervention to help students grow and learn, with the ability to share knowledge across the educator team.

Foster growth and confidence

Learning Tools like Immersive Reader help students build confidence by giving them the ability to visualize, hear, and understand their schoolwork in a way that matches their learning style.

“Learning Tools is an empowering tool. Sometimes students’ performance doesn’t match their ability. It evens the playing field for kids who are struggling readers ... It allows them to feel more like independent learners, not depending on the teacher, not depending on peers.”

4th grade teacher
Bellevue School District
Kerrick learns to read with Immersive Reader

Learn how Immersive Reader has helped one second grader succeed. Once too nervous to read in class because of his dyslexia, Kerrick is now excited about reading after one of his friends taught him how to use Immersive Reader.
Using learning tools such as Immersive Reader, Dictation, and audio learning makes education more equitable, accessible, and engaging.

Merlyne Graves: 4th grade teacher
Garfield Preparatory Academy

Microsoft Innovative Educator Spotlight: Merlyne Graves

Find out how Merlyne Graves uses Learning Tools to help all of her students find success—while also gaining back time for herself.

To learn how Ms. Graves makes the most of her instruction time, visit here >
Ready to get started?

When students are given the chance to take an active role in their education, amazing things happen. It's easy to get started with Microsoft Office 365 Learning Tools. They’re free to use and built into Office 365. Visit portal.office.com and start using Immersive Reader with your Office 365 account.

Start using Learning Tools now
- Get started with Immersive Reader. Explore Picture Dictionary
- See how Line Reader can improve reading skills in your students

Become a Microsoft Innovative Educator

Becoming a certified MIE comes down to one thing: applying Microsoft tools in the classroom to improve learning outcomes for your students. In other words, this is about more than just an accolade to put on your resume. It’s about connecting your students to tools and materials that will have a meaningful impact on their learning experiences.

You can tailor your participation to help you meet your specific goals. Earn points through a combination of course completions, participation in Skype activities, and sharing content—all as part of a professional network of enthusiastic educators. Learn how you can earn points to become an MIE and take the first steps today.
Unlock Limitless Learning