

Recommended Support Technology

Key resources have been instrumental to the success of the GCS labs. The following descriptions and contact information for ordering are provided for your convenience; the items are listed in the order we consider to be most important for an effectively implemented program. If you have any questions, please contact THE CENTER FOR LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT at (254) 751-0922.

1.) 5 Computers (PC)

2.) 1 Printer/Copier (include scanner if not purchasing a scanner for Kurzweil)

3.) E-Z Time Check-in Software

Students use this software to “check in” and “check out” of the lab. The program tracks the time of student entry and exit, as well as the subject for which the student is receiving assistance. It is a powerful time-saver as it compiles all the needed reports for the learning lab teacher, as well as for ARD minutes, if necessary. (cost: approximately \$130)

Contact information:

Dwight Lehman
200 Ridgewood Dr.
Amarillo, Texas 79109
Phone/Fax: 806-351-0032
ddlehman@prodigy.net

4.) SourcePro Software

SourcePro is an alternate check-in software that many schools like as it is “user friendly” for both teachers and students. It is, however, slightly more expensive than E-Z Time and it also requires an annual fee. (cost: approximately \$295 per lab plus \$149 per subsequent year)

Contact information:

SourcePro Software
888-461-8858 (toll free)
www.sourceprosoftware.com

5.) Study Hall 101 Learning Systems Software

(minimum: 1 station for each computer in GCS; preferable: site license for all computers on campus)

Most GCS programs consider this software to be the most important of the software support systems. Utilizing research-based instructional methodologies, this software follows a game format to help students not only learn classroom information, but also store it in long-term memory. Information is entered into the program directly from the teacher’s curriculum, so students are studying what each teacher deems most important. (cost: \$450/station; \$5,500 for a site license)

Contact information:

CENTER FOR LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT
200 W. Hwy. 6, Ste. 503
Waco, Texas 76712
254-751-0922
info@cldtx.org

6.) Natural Voice Text-to-Speech Reader – Personal Version

(with AT&T Natural Voices: Mike & Crystal - one station for each computer in GCS)

If unable to purchase major text-to speech programs such as Kurzweil (see below), Natural Voice Reader is a very affordable option to have any text read aloud to students. (cost: approximately \$50/station)

Contact information:

Natural Soft Ltd.

All orders may be placed online at: www.naturalreaders.com

(Purchase orders are accepted – see details on Website under ‘Pricing & Order’)

7.) Kurzweil 3000 Scanning Software (plus compatible scanner)

This program scans printed text to a computer and then reads it aloud to students. Audio Optical Systems will also provide to you any of your textbooks or literature books that they have already scanned into the computer. The costs are listed below:

- Lab 5 Network (1 *professional* station, 4 *learn* stations) - \$2,995
- If funds permit, add as many Kurzweil *learn* stations as you can (\$395/station ; however, once you buy 10 - 14 stations, the price drops to \$255/station).
- Or, if the above is not possible, then we recommend 1 *professional* station (*scan & read*; \$1,495) and as many *learn* stations (*read only*; \$395/station) as possible.

It is important to select a scanner which is compatible with the Kurzweil scanning software and which includes a “paper feed” and a duplex option. The “paper fee” option is a huge time-saver for scanning books. Kurzweil staff can advise you on these issues.

Contact information for Texas only:

Audio Optical Systems of Austin, Inc.
3415 Grey Stone #100
Austin, Texas 78731
Phone: 512-454-8672
(toll free) 1-800-888-0305
Fax: 512-454-0514
www.kurzweilaustin.com
aos@kurzweilaustin.net

8.) Tracking for At-Risk Students Software (one station per lab)

This software acts as a communiqué among staff, students and parents by facilitating the gathering of weekly grades and information regarding missing work and teachers' concerns. (cost: \$390/station)

Contact information:

CENTER FOR LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT (see above)

9.) Spellbound for Success Software

(Primarily for elementary campuses - one station for each computer in the GCS lab)

This software program provides a fun way to master students' weekly spelling words – without humiliation. (cost: \$275/station or \$3,500 for a site license)

Contact information:

CENTER FOR LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT (see above)

10.) Parts & Charts Software

(Minimum: 1 Station for each computer in GCS)

Students love this interactive approach to studying the parts of anything – from microscopes to plants to organs to maps. The teacher determines the content by scanning in the desired picture and labeling the parts that students need to learn. (cost: \$275/station or \$3,500 for a site license)

Contact information:

CENTER FOR LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT (see above)

11.) Study Skills Curriculum (“Finding your Way through the Study Skills Maze”)

(For secondary campuses - one workbook master per campus)

This student workbook helps students gain a variety of skills and strategies for understanding and retaining information. (cost: \$390 for the workbook master)

Contact information:

CENTER FOR LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT (see above)

12.) Study Skills Station Software

(For high school campuses - one station for each computer in the GCS lab)

This self-directed study skills software program will earn a semester's elective credit for high school students. (cost: \$390/station or \$5,000 for a site license)

Contact information:

CENTER FOR LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT (see above)

PLEASE NOTE: All Costs Are Subject to Change without Notice.