

Support for ESOL Students in Google Docs

Why

Many teachers support students for whom English is a second language. Additionally, there are several dual language schools/programs in MCPS. Lastly, students who study foreign languages may benefit from the language options in the Toolbar. The read and Write for Google Toolbar supports these students through a variety of features.

How Single word translation

The first tool translates single words. It is a "free" feature on the toolbar, however the free version has a limited number of languages included. The premium version has many more.



To use this feature simply place your cursor in or on a word and click on the icon that looks link intersecting curves. The word is translated into the selected language. Remember your student can also use the text to speech feature to have that word read out loud if desired.

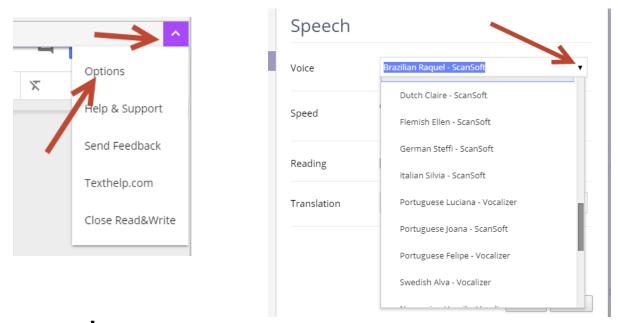
To change the translation language click on the settings and change the language option. At the time this video was made there were five options.



Text to speech of entire text in a different language

If you have students who would benefit from text to speech in a different language there are also a variety of language selections available. To access these once again click on the settings tool

and then select your desired language. Just to clarify, this option does not translate text from one language to another but will read the selected language text with the correct pronunciation and accent.



Language and Features change

Students also have the option to change the features to a different language which will alter the toolbar elements such as word prediction and dictionary etc. to the select language. Click on the settings then options, select "Language" on the left panel then using the drop down arrow on both "English" and "Features" to select your desired language.

