

# **Text Usability Features of MCPS Centrally Purchased Online Subscription Services**

## **2014-2015 School Year**

<b>Centrally Purchased Online Subscription Services</b>  These centrally-purchased products contain text usability features. Login and passwords available from the school library media specialist.	<b>Text Usability Features</b>					
	<b>Read aloud option built-in</b>	<b>Images paired with text</b>	<b>Video or audio paired with text</b>	<b>Leveled text</b>	<b>“Print” format to copy into Word or print</b>	<b>Dictionary built-in</b>
<b>Britannica School</b> —can search in a level; elementary, middle, or high. Once search results are listed, can access other levels. (all schools)	Y	Y	Y	Lexile Range (ES-MS-HS)	Y	Y (double-click)
<b>CultureGrams</b> (all schools)	Y	Y	Y	Lexile Range (ES-MS)	Y	N (glossary)
<b>EBSCO History Reference Center</b> (MS and HS)	Y	Y	Partial-the html articles have audio	Lexile Range (ES-MS-HS)	Y	Y
<b>EBSCO MasterFILE Premier</b> (MS and HS)	NR	Y	Y	Lexile Range (ES-MS-HS)	Y	Y
<b>EBSCO Science Reference Center</b> (MS and HS)	Y (html docs only)	Y	Y	Lexile Range (ES-MS-HS)	Y	Y
<b>Gale/Cengage: Student Resources in Context and US History in Context</b> (MS and HS)	Y	Y	Y (some)	Lexile,	Y	Y
<b>Gale/Cengage: Opposing Viewpoints</b> (HS)	Y	Y	N	Lexile,	Y	Y

NR = can be read with use of Natural Reader program (on all MCPS computers, free download for home)

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<b>One More Story</b> (elementary schools) [school only; does not have home access] *Final Year of Access*	Y	Y	N	Lexile, AR, DRA and Fountas & Pinnell	N	N
<b>PebbleGo Animals</b> <b>PebbleGo Science</b> <b>PebbleGo Biography</b> <b>PebbleGo Social Studies</b> (elementary schools)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Select words
<b>SIRS Decades</b> (all schools)	NR	Y	N	N	Y	N
<b>SIRS Discoverer</b> (all schools)	NR + Computer-generated Voice (highlights words and phrases)	Y	N (links to outside YouTube videos)	Lexile, Color-coded	Y	Y
<b>SIRS: Knowledge Source, Issues Researcher, Government Reporter, Renaissance, Web Select</b> (all schools)	Y (computer generated)	N	N	Lexile	Y	N
<b>TumbleBook Library</b> (all schools)	Y	Y	Y	Lexile AR	N	N

**Other sources useful when developing lessons with Universal Design for Learning (UDL) components:**

Britannica Image Quest (all schools)

TeachingBooks.net (all schools)

<http://www.storylineonline.net> (free online resource; primarily elementary)