

SPEECH TO TEXT and ONSCREEN KEYBOARD IN CHROME

If a student has a lot of difficulty typing, there is a setting within Google that allows you to enable an on-screen keyboard which has a microphone option. The onscreen keyboard appears anytime you are in an area that you can type and the user simply clicks the microphone button to speak. The microphone is activated until the user clicks it again to turn it off. Here are the steps to enable.

Select the three-line menu in top right corner of Chrome, choose Settings, scroll to the bottom of the page, and select Show advanced settings. Look for the Accessibility option to enable the on-screen keyboard. Put a check next to this option. When the keyboard displays, select the microphone to have all speech converted to text. Click the microphone again to turn off feature. This only turns off the microphone feature; the on-screen keyboard will still appear whenever the user is in a data-entry area.

To disable this feature, simply follow the steps again and remove the check mark from the "Enable on-screen keyboard" option.