



Premier at Home

Premier Literacy is a powerful tool in supporting the education of our students in Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board. By providing access to Premier Literacy on every computer in our system, we have seen increased opportunities for student success by means of quality of written output, student engagement and independence. Premier Literacy includes a collection of literacy tools that supports reading, writing, comprehension and learning by providing multiple channels for acquiring and retaining information. Each user can adjust the software based on his/her individual learning style.

Premier Literacy provides many features that are useful in supporting student learning; for instance, it can support the reading of text, with adjustable speed, thus increasing fluency and reducing time to read or decode the material. The student can focus more on comprehension and application of what is read. It permits students to listen to their compositions to focus on ideas and organization, along with conventions. Premier Literacy also provides tools to highlight and pre-teach vocabulary, access to a talking dictionary tool and word prediction. While the software may be necessary for some learners, many students and educators are increasingly realizing the potential of assistive technology for all.

[Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board](#) is excited to announce that a home license has been purchased for students so that they can use this valuable literacy software at home at no cost. Parents who are interested in having this technology available for their child to use at home can log in at <http://www.premierathome.com>. The username is hpedsb and the password is family. To upload the software on your home computer you require—Microsoft Windows XP, Vista; 512 MB of RAM and 200 MB of free disk space.

Parent and Teacher Resources

<http://www.readingmadeeasy.ca/PDFResources.html>