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Page 1: For Annual Planning/Program Review Requests

**Q1 Technology Plan Year** **2019-2020**

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**Q2 Title of Request**

Kurzweil

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**Q3 Location of Request**

DSPS High Tech Center

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**Q4 Discipline**

DSPS High Tech Center and PDSS classes

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**Q5 Department**

DSPS High Tech Center

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**Q6 Contact Person**

Name **Brian Josephson**  
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**Q7 Description** Please provide a brief description of the technology/software or technology project and its core goal(s).

Kurzweil is a text to speech software used by students with disabilities to hear tests, textbooks, and write and listen to their papers. There are two components to Kurzweil, stand-alone and web-based. Both are unlimited site and home licenses. Students have the ability to use it anywhere on their computer whether they have Internet access or not. This software can be placed anywhere on campus.

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Page 2: Proposal Justification

## Technology Request Form

**Q8** Please explain how the technology or enhancement supports the strategic plan. Include information on how students will be impacted and/or employees or the college or district overall. Consider whether this would be a district-wide implementation. Which Strategic Plan priority (or priorities) are supported by this request? To access the Strategic Plan, please click [here](#).

**Basic Skills** ,  
**Acceleration**  
**Guided Student Pathways** ,  
**Student Validation and Engagement** ,  
**Organizational Health**

**Q9** How does the request support the above priorities?

This software is required to level the playing field for all students with disabilities and close achievement gaps by engaging students with diverse needs. It allows educational barriers to be removed and for students to succeed with their student centered pathways. The technology can also be used by faculty and staff. It will not be a district wide implementation, however, Kurzweil in an unlimited site and home license.

**Q10** Who would this impact? Please select all that apply.

**Students,**  
**Employees,**  
**College**

**Q11** How would this impact the above group(s)?

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**Q12** Does the technology support a state-wide initiative or is it a legal mandate or in support of a legal mandate?

**Yes**

**Q13** If yes, please explain how the technology supports a state-wide initiative or is it a legal mandate or in support of a legal mandate?

The High Tech Center (Disabled Student Programs and Services) is required by law to be in compliance with Title V - ADA sections 504 and 508.

**Q14** Please be aware that projects, once approved, are typically scheduled 6 months to a year in advance. Consider the consequences if the technology/software is not implemented, upgraded or renewed. What are the consequences if the technology/software is not implemented/upgraded, or renewed? Examples: Security concerns, loss of FTES, mandates, accreditation, etc.

Students with disabilities will not be able to maximize their potential for learning and succeed in achieving their educational goals.

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**Q15** What is the number of students impacted per semester if the technology/software is not implemented, upgraded or renewed?

300

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**Q16** What is your preferred time for implementation?

summer

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**Q17** Tell us how the data you have supports the implementation of the technology. This can be qualitative or quantitative in the form of surveys, observations, SLO or other assessment data, institutional research data or other reports and data.

With regards to Test Proctoring, student feedback has been positive in terms of test taking as auditory learners can hear the exams as many times as necessary for comprehension. Kruzweil usage has increased not only in test taking, but using it to listen to text books.

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**Q18** Please attach any supporting data/documentation using the "Upload" button below.

**Respondent skipped this question**

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### Page 3: COST ANALYSIS

**Q19** Is the request for hardware or software?

**Software**

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**Q20** Is the request for new or an upgrade to existing technology?

**Upgrade (replacing outdated technology)**

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**Q21** Estimated or known total initial cost of request: This includes hardware and software maintenance, licences, taxes, fees, shipping, storage, etc.

6000.00

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**Q22** Funding Source:

Other (please specify):  
tech plan

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**Q23** Please attach quote using the "Upload" button below.

**Cuyamaca College K3000 Renewal Quote 2020.pdf (223.3KB)**

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**Q24** Evaluationi. How do you plan to evaluate the technology after implementation?

student survey and new database. Kurzweil will also produce usage reports

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**Q25** Are you ready to submit your technology request?      **Yes**

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