**JAWS FAQ**

Since APH is now offering JAWS as a quota fund item, here is information on the Ogden Resource Center’s (ORC) JAWS policy and procedures.

Is JAWS available with APH quota funds from the ORC?

* JAWS is **NOT** available from the ORC with quota funds. However, the ORC has a limited number of JAWS licenses available to loan out to students around the state.

How do I borrow a JAWS license for my student?

* To check-out a JAWS license, email Jennifer Fenton, [jennifer.fenton@wssb.wa.gov](mailto:jennifer.fenton@wssb.wa.gov) to request a license. Include the student’s name and Account Holder information.

Is JAWS available to all students?

* JAWS licenses are limited and therefore priority is given to students who meet the following criteria:
  + At a minimum that student will need to have good keyboarding skills and currently reading braille at the 4th grade level or above.

How many licenses may each student have?

* Only one copy per student is allowed.

May ORC JAWS licenses be installed on a student’s home computer?

* No copies may be installed on student home computers.

Can I get the APH JAWS for my student with local funds?

* Yes, you can order JAWS directly from APH for $300/student/year. APH does not require students to be registered for quota funds to receive this discount, simply contact APH to place your order (purchase order or credit card payments accepted.)

How does APH offer JAWS?

* See <https://tech.aph.org/jfw/> for details on the APH program for JAWS.

Why can’t the ORC purchase JAWS with quota funds?

* The ORC has already paid for JAWS licenses through another vendor so these licenses need to be used first.
* Quota funds are limited and there are not enough quota funds to purchase JAWS licenses without sacrificing other popular APH products. Since JAWS is available from the ORC, there is no need to sacrifice quota funds to provide access to JAWS.

My student doesn’t meet the ORC criteria for JAWS, what are my options?

* If JAWS is essential for a student who does not meet the ORC criteria, you can still get a JAWS license through APH. The school would need to pay for the license, but it is a viable option.

My student needs JAWS at home, can I get a JAWS license from the ORC for a home computer or personal laptop?

* No, unfortunately, the ORC is unable to provide JAWS for home use. You have the option of purchasing a license through APH for JAWS and the APH licenses are set up to allow both school and home access with 3 devices per license.

Is JAWS the only screen reader available?

* No, there are several other options, many are free. NVDA for Windows, ChromeVox for Chromebook, and Apple VoiceOver for Mac are popular options.