

TYPOSCOPES

A black typoscope may assist students in the following ways:

- Ability to visually track print. It will help the student avoid skipping lines/words. This is especially useful for students who are diagnosed with nystagmus or other eye conditions where visual targeting may be compromised.
- Eliminate glare that the surrounding white space/paper may produce.
- Reduce visual clutter.
- Improve contrast.

A typoscope may take various forms:

- A dark piece of matte, black cardboard with an oblong slot cut out in the middle. When placed over text, the typoscope frames a visible section. This may affect reading fluency as it does not allow the reader to read ahead.
- A black bookmark-type rectangle, made from black matte stiff poster board or construction paper can be used as a line-marking device for reader to track under print on each line. This improves a reader's ability to scan across a page and keep his/her place when returning to the beginning of the next line.
- A bright line reading guide/reading window ruler; if child requires a coloured background with a dark line to help reader stay on the line.



Other considerations:

- On the SmartBoard, use line or colour screen shade features to assist with tracking. This will also improve contrast and reduce glare.
- Use tracking features on computer and CCTV.

☺ Although sold at low-vision resource centers, typoscopes are easily hand-made using black matt construction paper or poster board.