

NOVACHAT: Using the NovaChat for SMS Texting



Important Functions

Below are the main Functions buttons on the NOVA chat devices:

Menu Button / / allows you to determine which vocabulary file will be used, which augmentative options are enabled, how and when to speak messages, and how a wide variety of other options are configured.

Home Button / / / navigates out of Chat software to the Home screen of the Android software.

Back Button / / navigates to previous page or to previous Menu. Pressing and holding the Back button also reveals the Chat software menu.



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You are able to text with a NOVA chat. Your Chat software should be at least version 2.9, and you will also need an Android phone with the AeroText app (previously called ChatSMS) downloaded onto it. This app will need to be set as your default SMS app on your phone. The phone has to then be connected, via Bluetooth, to the NOVA chat device. WordPower and MultiChat vocabularies have texting pages pre-made; these can be copied to your client's personalised vocabulary.

Setting up AeroText on Your Phone

1. On your Android phone, open up an internet browser and navigate to <https://prc-salttillo.com/texting>. Tick the box to accept the End User Agreement and click the "Download AeroText" button. Select the downloaded file and tap to install.
Your phone may ask whether you wish to install a file from unknown sources; select the option to allow from this source once when prompted.
2. Open the AeroText app on your phone - two messages will be displayed: **AeroText is not your SMS app** and **No Bluetooth Connection!**
3. Tap "AeroText is not your SMS app". On older versions of Android **Change message app** will be displayed with "OK" and "Cancel" links. Tap **OK**. On new Android versions you will be asked which app you wish to set as default – select **AeroText** and tap **Set As Default**.
4. Tap "No Bluetooth Connection!". **Bluetooth permission request** will be displayed with "Yes" or "Allow" and "No" or "Deny" links. Tap **Yes/Allow**.
5. You will be given a limited amount of time to make a connection with your device.
6. Proceed to "Connecting Your NOVA chat or ChatFusion Device to Your Phone".

Connecting Your NOVA chat or ChatFusion Device to Your Phone

1. On your device, select **Menu > Application Settings > System > Bluetooth Settings**.
2. Make sure that **Use with Phone** is ticked.
Note: When you select **Use with Phone**, the following message will appear: "Text messages on your mobile

*access device may incur a charge from your mobile access service provider. Wireless carrier fees may apply". Tap **OK** to proceed.*

3. Select **Connect to Phone**. The device will scan for available phones and list them on the screen.
4. Select your phone. **Connecting to device** will be displayed. When the device connects to the phone, - **Connected** will be displayed after the phone name at the top of the screen and a "Connected" message will appear briefly at the bottom of the display.
5. Use the device's Back button to go to the vocabulary's home page, then navigate to the page that includes the Texting button.
6. The conversations stored on the phone will be listed on the texting conversations page.

Below is a table showing the general notifications that may be displayed on your device when connected to the AeroText app:

Icon	Indication
	You have one unread text message. Tap the icon. The message will appear at the bottom of the sender's list of messages.
	You have multiple unread text messages. Tap the icon. The messages will appear at the bottom of the sender's list of messages.
	Your phone is not connected to the device. If you tap the icon, you'll see a small popup note: "The phone is not connected." When you connect the phone, the icon will disappear.
	The version of AeroText installed on the connected phone is incompatible with the version of Chat software installed on your device and should be updated. or The version of Chat software installed on your device is incompatible with the version of AeroText installed on the connected phone and should be updated.
	AeroText is not set as the default SMS app on the connected phone. You can still send and receive messages, but texting functionality will be limited. For example, you won't receive new message notifications, messages won't be marked as read, and you won't be able to delete messages.

You may watch this video for further information:

<https://salttillo.com/videos/aerotext-the-app-that-lets-you-text-with-your-aac-device>

If you have previously downloaded ChatSMS you do not need to re-install. If you do decide to install AeroText this will replace the ChatSMS app.