

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Assistive Technology and Funding

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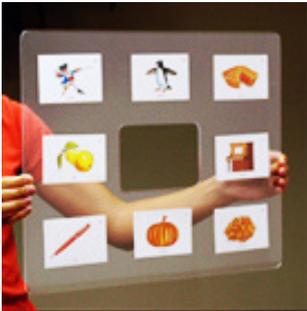
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Assistive Technology

- **AT** is any **device** or piece of equipment
 - used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of children with disabilities (Excluding a medical device that is surgically implanted)
- **AT** is also a **service**:
 - directly assists children with a disability in the selection, acquisition, or use of an **AT** device



AT Services

1. Evaluation – including functional evaluation in a customary environment
2. Purchasing, leasing, or otherwise providing for the acquisition
3. Selecting, designing, fitting, customizing, maintaining, repairing, or replacing

AT Services ...cont.

4. Coordinating and using other therapies, interventions, or services i.e. other education or rehabilitation plans
5. Training or technical assistance for a child with a disability and/or family
6. Training or technical assistance for professionals including education or rehabilitation services, employers, or those involved in major life functions of that child

AT Responsibility

Schools must ensure that AT devices and/or services are made available to a child with a disability as part of the IEP (individualized education program).

FAPE & AT

Free Appropriate Public Education

***AT must be provided at no
cost to the parents***

***When the school purchases the
AT – it remains the property of
the school***

FAPE

Schools may not unnecessarily delay the provision of AT devices and services due to funding issues if a child requires the device(s) and service(s) to benefit from the IEP.

Consideration of Special Factors

IEP Team shall consider whether the child needs assistive technology devices and services



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AT Assessment

An AT assessment can occur as part of the educational evaluation or at anytime a team member requests

IEP teams determine the need for AT devices and services on an individual basis

IEP Team Determination

***Is Assistive Technology
necessary for the child to:***

- Achieve their goals***
- Benefit from education***
- Make reasonable progress in
the general curriculum***

AT in the IEP

IEP Team AT recommendation:

- ***Does not need to identify the specific brand name***
- ***Describe the type of devices***
- ***Describe the benefits and features of the device(s)***

Take Home Regulation

“On a case-by-case basis, the use of school-purchased AT devices in a child’s home or in other settings is required if the child’s IEP team determines that the child needs access to those devices in order to receive FAPE.”

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- Contact ABLE Tech to discuss additional funding options for children to acquire assistive technology
- Certain children may be eligible to access AT through other public and/or private funding sources such as
 - Medicaid and Medicaid Waivers
 - Private health insurance
 - AIM Center
 - Secondary Transition students may utilize Department of Rehabilitation Services
 - We can assist you on a case by case bases

Contact Oklahoma ABLE Tech

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