

Dear Educators,

The Oklahoma Special Education Process Guide has been updated to reflect additional guidance regarding the inclusion of Assistive Technology on the IEP. The [Process Guide Summary of Changes document](#) now includes additional pages with the changes highlighted. To see these changes please download the file, select bookmarks and click on “Assistive Technology”.

Assistive Technology (AT) and Accessible Instructional Materials (AIM) are essential to providing students with disabilities access to the general education curriculum. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) defines “assistive technology device” as any item, piece of equipment, or product system, whether acquired commercially off the shelf, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of a child with a disability. “Assistive technology service” means any service that directly assists a child with a disability in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology device. The IDEA requires each public agency to ensure that assistive technology devices and services are made available to each child with a disability if required as part of the child’s special education, related services, or supplementary aids and services. The purpose of providing accessible instructional materials is to ensure that all students with print disabilities have the opportunity to perceive the information contained in educational materials.

To better assist schools in providing AT and AIM we provide several resources through our webpage. We encourage you, as you begin the new school year, to access these resources. In addition to the resources listed below, we also encourage schools and districts to utilize the Quality Indicators for Assistive Technology (QIAT) for assistance in assessing the provision of AT services. The QIAT Matrices, including instructions and suggested professional development resources, can be found on our [Technical Assistance webpage](#).

The OSDE-SES is also partnered with Oklahoma ABLE Tech, the statewide Assistive Technology Act Program. The purpose of ABLE Tech is to “promote the availability of assistive technology devices and services” for individuals of all ages and all disabilities in Oklahoma. Their program includes: 1) Device Demonstration, 2) Device Short-Term Loans, 3) Low Interest Bank Loans, 4) AT Reutilization, and 5) Accessible Instructional Materials Assistance. You can find more information [here](#). Please also subscribe to ABLE Tech’s [AT newsletter](#). The newsletter features program news, AT device highlights, success stories, AT tips, and upcoming events.

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