Assistive Technology Partnership

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Assistive Technology Device
§Section 300.5

• Assistive technology **device** means 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. The term does not include a medical device that is surgically implanted, or the replacement of such device.
Assistive Technology Service
§ Section 300.6

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.

a) The evaluation of the needs of a child with a disability, including a functional evaluation of the child in the child’s customary environment;

b) Purchasing, leasing, or otherwise providing for the acquisition of assistive technology devices by children with disabilities;

c) Selecting, designing, fitting, customizing, adapting, applying, maintaining, repairing, or replacing assistive technology devices;

d) Coordinating and using other therapies, interventions, or services with assistive technology devices;

e) Training or technical assistance for a child with a disability or, if appropriate, that child’s family;

f) Training or technical assistance for professionals (including individuals providing education or rehabilitation services), employers, or other individuals who provide services to, employ, or are otherwise substantially involved in the major life functions of that child.
Why should we use technology?

• Impacts outcomes for students
• Provide access to the general curriculum
• Allows students to demonstrate what they know
• Supports differentiation
• Provides independence
• May provide an essential support for communication
To build capacity and have a sustainable impact on Assistive Technology Services for grades K-12 throughout Georgia.

- Assistive Technology (AT) Consultation Services
- AT/UDL Software Pilot Program (Reading, Writing, Math, Study Skills)
- Assistive Technology Lending Library
- Customized Training Videos (3-7 minutes each)
- EdTrade, Georgia Assistive Technology (AT) School Swap Database
- Assistive Technology Webinar Series
- Discovery Surveys - District Assistive Technology and Accessibility
Assistive Technology Partnership AT Portal (for requests)

- Secure portal for K-12 patrons to submit requests associated with this partnership
- One-stop access to request services
- Registration required
- Portal access limited to special education directors and their designee(s)
- No student personally identifiable information (PII) is collected
AT Portal - Registration

https://gatfl.gatech.edu/sri/ga_doe_requests/new_user_registration
AT Portal Log-In

https://gatfl.gatech.edu/sri/users/login
Portal (7/7/20)

• 192 users registered
  • 126 districts
  • 8 Charter Schools
  • 3 State Schools
  • 1 GNETS
Assistive Technology Consultation Services

The purpose of this partnership is to support district personnel in building their capacity to support students with assistive technology needs.

What it is:

• Consultation services by Tools for Life staff via teleconsulting and/or email.
• Discussion based on information provided by district contact.
• Coaching support for staff on implementation of evidence-based practices for assistive technology.
• May be multiple or on-going “communication sessions” between TFL staff and district staff to provide support.
• Engagement with district staff.
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What it is NOT:
• It is not direct student intervention.
• It is not assistive technology evaluations.
• It is not onsite consultations or evaluations.
• It is not releasing district staff from being involved and engaged in problem-solving.
### AT/UDL Software (Reading, Writing and Math) (7/7/20)

- Read&Write
- EquatIO
- WriQ

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Texthelp Software: You have it...Now What?

The AT partnership encourages you to participate in this webinar to better understand how to set up your software accounts for your SWD population.

Topics include:
- what comes with a subscription
- installing extensions and desktop versions
- allowing permissions
- how the PDF reader works
- the student data you need to collect
- using the Texthelp Admin Tool to manage student licenses
- Q&A session

Tuesday July 28, 2020, 11:00am – 11:30am
meet.google.com/nge-eyzw-nam – Join with Google Meet (A google account is not necessary)
Assistive Technology Lending Library

Loans that will allow a district:

• To assist in decision-making; make an informed purchasing decision

• To collect data substantiating the device meets the student's needs

• Try a device in a real-life environment

• To serve as a loaner while the student is waiting for repair or ordered device to be delivered (short-term)

• To provide an accommodation on a short-term basis

• To support professional development
What it is NOT:

• It is not a long-term open-ended loan(s).
• It is not equipment for purchase.
• It is not supplier of assistive technology devices beyond short term loan.
Lending Library

• Augmentative Communication (AAC)
  • Talking Photo Album
  • Put-Em-Around
  • iPad / Apps
  • GoTalk (various models)

• Computer Access
  • Alternative Keyboards
  • Mouse Alternatives
  • Switches
  • Switch Interfaces
Lending Library 2

- Attention, Focus
  - WatchMinder
  - TimeTimer
- Power Link
- Alternate Seating
- Weighted Vests/Blanket
- Scanning Pens
- Adapted Eating
- Adapted Writing Utensils
- Sensory
Customized Training Videos

Training videos to support building level staff short (3-7 minutes) and informative.

- Text-to-Speech
- Speech-to-Text
- Graphic Organizers
- Captioning
- Visual Supports
EdTrade, Georgia Assistive Technology (AT) School Swap Database

- Georgia districts will be able to post their assistive technology needs or available assistive technology for loan, exchange, sell or donation.

- Participating districts can decide whether they want to lend or repurpose their unused assistive technology to a local Georgia district as a cost saving measure through a written memorandum of understanding.

- Responsibility would rest with the participating local educational agency to develop local policies and procedures to address asset sharing and inventory controls.
Welcome to EdTrade

What is EdTrade?

EdTrade is a Georgia Tools for Life assistive technology (AT) reuse program offered in collaboration with the Georgia Department of Education, Division for Special Education Services and Supports. EdTrade is a secure online AT, K-12 database that allows participating districts to swap, loan, donate, or sell AT to one another. This potentially cost-saving program is part of the state’s AT Partnership Program between the Georgia Department of Education and Georgia Tools for Life. This is a “members only” online sharing tool and registration is required as this is limited to Georgia’s K-12 public schools.

Each year, Georgia school districts purchase assistive technology for eligible students to use. In some cases, this assistive technology ends up never being used or gently used. It may be that the student graduates, moves away, or needs another type of technology, leaving the purchased technology sitting in the school district. Sometimes the assistive technology can easily be reused with a student within the district. Other times, the assistive technology simply does not fit the needs of any other student within the district, leaving costly, unused AT equipment sitting in the district. With EdTrade, once a device is no longer relevant for student needs in one district, the device can be listed and paired with a student who would truly benefit from the device’s use in another district.

What is AT Reuse?
Assistive Technology Webinar Series

Georgia Department of Education in collaboration with Tools for Life

The webinar series is currently scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday of the month (September, October, November, January, February and March) from 3:00 – 3:30.

More information about registration will be available on the AT webpage.
Discovery Surveys – District Assistive Technology and Accessibility
Supports Differentiation

Differentiation means tailoring instruction to meet individual needs. Teachers differentiate content, process, products, or the learning environment, the use of ongoing assessment and flexible grouping makes this a successful approach to instruction.

What does the student need to have, so they can access the content and to be able to show what they have learned?
AT Webpage update

New Videos

Speech to Text (3:46)
Text to Speech (4:33)
Graphic Organizers (2:53)

New AT Resource Documents:

AT Assessments – Provides a resource to use when considering the need for an AT assessment.
AT to consider for transition – Provides a guide for assistive technology and transition planning.

Please review all documents on the right side of the AT webpage including:

AT Chrome Extensions
AT for Low Incidence Disabilities
508 Compliance and Accessibility
MS word document and accessibility
PowerPoint and accessibility
AT research and resources
Office 365 and computer tools, MAC and One Note
AT and transition NTACT (National Technical Assistance Center on Transition)
Benefits of Assistive Technology

- Productivity
- Independence
- Achievement
Things to Keep in Mind

Technology is no substitute for good instruction
Preparing students for life.

www.gadoe.org

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youtube.com/georgiadeptofed
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