

Assistive Technology Basics



Resource	Source and Description
Access IT	www.washington.edu/accessit/
	The website for the National Center on Accessible Information Technology in Education.
Alliance for Technology	www.ataccess.org
	Information and support for users of assistive technology.
Assistive Technology: Becoming an Informed Consumer	www.nichcy.org/pubs/outprint/nd13txt.htm
	Provides tips on how to become an informed consumer of technology, offers a parents perspective, examines federal legislation, discusses use of AT with children, AT in IEPs, & suggests an AT process.
Assistive Technology Boogie	http://inclusive.com/AT_boogie/at30.swf
	This website presents a musical video about the needs of AT users.
Assistive Technology Consideration Wheel—CEC	www.cec.sped.org/law_res/doc/resources/alpha.php
	Team's quick reference wheel for AT consideration and resource information.
Assistive Technology Legislation	http://atto.buffalo.edu/registered/ATBasics/Foundation/Laws/atlegislation.php
	Public laws that directly impact assistive technology are highlighted.
Assistive Technology Pointers for Parents	CATO; PO Box 431; Windchester OR 97495
	Describes the AT process, AT consideration, FAQs & case studies. (Gayle Bowser & Penny Reed)
Assistive Technology Solutions	IEP Resources; PO Box 930160; Verona WI 53593-0160
	Ideas for goals & modifications to make with AT in the IEP. (Sherry Purcell & Debbie Grant)
AT Access	www.ataccess.org
	The alliance for Technology Access website is a great resource for information and resources.
Basic Toolkit for Teachers	www.nea.org
	Free basic toolkit for teachers containing a variety of online resources for teachers—classroom tools,



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	curriculum tools, and IEP tools.
Better Living Through Technology	www.betterlivingthroughtechnology.com
	Information about computer access, recent hardware, latest software, free resources, tutorials, etc.
BrainPop	www.brainpop.com
	This subscription website gives you activities in multiple subjects and topic areas.
Closing the Gap	www.closingthegap.com
	Organization that focuses on assistive technology for people with disabilities—publications, conferences.
Considering Your Child's Need for Assistive Technology	www.ldonline.org/ld_indepth/technology/bowzer_reed.html
	An introduction to the consideration, rights and responsibilities for assistive technology.
Fritschi's Assistive Technology Resources	http://fritschi.home.mindspring.com
	Excellent resource list of websites & resources listed by category.
Integrating Technology	http://4teachers.org
	Integrating technology into the classroom.
Internet 4 Classrooms	http://internet4classrooms.com/k12links.htm
	Links for K-12 teachers to help them use the internet in the classroom areas.
NATE	http://natenetwork.buffalo.edu
	National Assistive Technology Education Network brings together information from the many fields and disciplines that are involved in assistive technology services in educational settings.
National Center for Technology Innovation	http://www.nationaltechcenter.org/resources/at/default.asp
	Resources include the Reading Matrix and profiles of technology innovators. NCTI also offers relevant external links, along with articles, papers, presentations, and discussions

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National Educational Technology Standards	http://cnets.iste.org
	The national standards for technology use in schools. Last updated in 2004.
Project Participate	http://www.projectparticipate.org/handouts/Tipscaregive.pdf
	Handouts of basics of assistive technology education.
QIAT (Quality Indicators for Assistive Technology Services in School Settings)	www.qiat.org
	Site & listserv offers indicators for schools to follow in providing, choosing, integrating, & determining compliance related to AT services.
Really Useful Technology for Students with Learning Disabilities	www.pacer.org
	PACER Simon Technology Center describes specific tools, websites, resources, inservice, etc.
TAM / CEC	www.tamcec.org/products.htm
	Resource for-purchase information booklets on assistive technology.
Teaching Every Student	http://teachingeverystudent.blogspot.com
	The site promotes academic success for all learners using technology solutions.
Technology Enhanced Brain-based Learning Strategies	www.cenmi.org/matr/downloads/tutorials/-brainbasedlearning.pdf
	PowerPoint on learning and assistive technology. (Monica Phelps & Gretchen Rockafellow)
Virtual Assistive Technology Center	http://vatc.freeservers.com
	Freeware / shareware for people with disabilities.
WATI	www.wati.org
	The Wisconsin Assistive Technology Initiative has publications to help with consideration, planning, etc.
What Should We Expect of Assistive Technology? Being Sensitive to Family Goals	TEACHING Exceptional Children Sept / Oct 2002
	Article defines AT, discusses family goals, expectations, & resource commitments. (Phil Parette & Gale A Mahan)

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