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# Using Assistive Technology in the Classroom

**A Professional Development  
Session for Para-Educators**

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# Let's Talk About It...

- What do you think assistive technology is?
- What are types of assistive technology that you know of?
- What types of assistive technology are available for student use in this school?
- How can a student benefit from assistive technology?



# What is assistive technology?

“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.”



# Enabling Dreams Video

[Assistive-Technology: Enabling Dreams](#)



## Simply put...

Any tool or device that a student with a disability uses to do a task



# Who?

- Any student with a disability
- IEP





**What is the school district's  
responsibility?**

**FAPE**



# Types of AT Used in the Classroom

- Writing
- Reading
- Learning/studying
- Math
- Vision
- Hearing





# What does AT do for students?

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**What does AT do for students?**

**HELP  
them  
LEARN!**

# Let's Practice



# Do NOT Fear Technology

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Educate yourself!





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