

Assistive Technology Glossary

Term:	Definition:
Assistive Technology (AT)	A tool or strategy that supports people of any age with a disability in doing things they would not otherwise be able to do AND Any service that can help those people select, access, and use that tool or strategy
AAC	Short for Augmentative and Alternative Communication, AAC is a tool or support that helps a person with communicating a message
AT Tools	Anything that is specifically designed to be used as AT “off the shelf” or that are changed or repurposed to be used as AT
No-Tech AT	Devices that are readily available, inexpensive, and typically do not require batteries or electricity
Mid-Tech AT	Devices that are usually digital and may require batteries or another power source
High-Tech AT	Devices that are more advanced in nature and involves electronics
AT Strategies	Any modifications or accommodations that allows people of any age with a disability in doing things they would not otherwise be able to do
AT Services	Supports that help with choosing, designing, fitting, customizing, adapting, applying, maintaining, replacing, and repairing AT
AT Consideration	A collaborative process used by an IEP team to determine if a student needs AT devices and services to make educational progress
SETT (Student, Environment, Task, Tools)	A framework that helps organize information and data around a student that helps IEP teams better understand a learner's strengths, needs, and potential AT tools and/or services that may successfully address identified needs
Feature Matching	Matching a child’s specific needs to a tool that fits those needs

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