

# Assistive Technology and the LAW?



“ALL students, regardless of their abilities, must be given the opportunity to become involved with and progress in the general education curriculum. Every student must have access to what is being taught.”  
– U.S. Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

## Does AT need to be in the IEP?



Since IDEA 1997, ALL Individual Education Programs (IEPs) MUST indicate that Assistive Technology has been considered. This requires that all members of the team have the knowledge needed to thoughtfully consider “if” and “what” Assistive Technology is needed.

## What is an AT Device?



“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 children with disabilities.”

## What are AT Services?



“Any service that directly assists a child with a disability in the selection, acquisition or use of an assistive technology device.” (This can include training for the user, family, educators, caregivers, etc. that support use of the Assistive Technology.)

## What is the Difference between "Assistive" Tech and just "Tech"?



Is the technology necessary for that learner to participate and progress? If so, it is considered AT and MUST be included in their IEP or 504 Plan. This technology would need to be available in whatever class, school, or district the student might transition to.

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