Assistive Technology Advocacy for Students

A Resource Guide

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Key Insights

• Disability is a life-long experience and journey. With the right supports and tools you can be successful in school and adult life.

• Learning to advocate for yourself will be critical for your future success. Sometimes parents and teachers don't know what kinds of tools can help you.

• Use your network of parents, teachers, and friends to identify predictable tasks you will be expected to routinely complete, such as reading, money management, social skills, and learning new things.

• No single tool helps everyone. Be open to exploring new tools and resources to see if they will help you. Your goal is just like Goldilocks: Finding what is Just Right!

• Find tools that you enjoy using, that make work easier, and allow you to produce better work in less time.

• Build a toolkit of tools that help you do routine and specialized tasks.

• Share your success and cool tools with others! You will be amazed at how appreciative people will be and how many others you will help!

Strategies

Curious? Ever see something you want to know more about? Check out these apps that let you take a picture of an object and then identify it!	Google Lens https://lens.google/ Visual Look Up https://support.apple.com/en-gb/guide/iphone/iph37fdd714b/ios
Need help managing your to-do list?	Todoist https://todoist.com
Want to gamify your to-do list?	Habitica https://habitica.com/static/home

Need a place to store information, images, and web links so you can access them across your devices?	Dropbox https://www.dropbox.com/ Evernote https://evernote.com/
Looking to stay up to date on current events?	TweenTribune https://www.tweentribune.com/ Newsela https://newsela.com
Do you have trouble understanding what you are reading? If so, explore this tool to find out how you can create a summary of the most important information that is just right for you!	Text Compactor https://www.textcompactor.com/
Want to convert text into a movie?	Lumen5 https://lumen5.com/
Need assistance when doing research for a report?	Simple Wikipedia https://simple.wikipedia.org/ Google Alerts https://www.google.com/alerts
Practice Getting Ideas from Your Head onto the Screen in 1 Minute	OneWord https://www.oneword.com/home/
If you have Trouble Typing your Work, Learn More about	Word Prediction Read&Write for Google Chrome https://www.texthelp.com/products/read-and-write-education/ Voice Typing Dictate Your Documents in Word https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/dictate-your-documents-in-word-3876e05f-3fcc-418f-b8ab-db7ce0d11d3
Write with a Partner (Collaborative Writing)	Google Docs https://docs.google.com/
Proofreading and Revising Your Writing	Grammerly https://www.grammarly.com/

Learn how to use Google as a calculator	Enter problems into the Google search box and press Enter/Return.
Need help solving a math problem	WebMath https://www.webmath.com/
Use PhotoMath to take a picture of any math problem and see it solved in front of your eyes!	PhotoMath https://photomath.com/en
Want to use the power of artificial intelligence to help you with your work?	Wolfram Alpha https://www.wolframalpha.com/

What other types of technology tools will you add to your toolkit?

To access a parent assistive technology advocacy resource guide:
http://uwm.kbd.on-rev.com/summer22/arcpa/resources/parents.pdf

To access a teacher assistive technology advocacy resource guide:
http://uwm.kbd.on-rev.com/summer22/arcpa/resources/teachers.pdf