

**ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY  
DEFINITIONS AND LEGAL  
REQUIREMENTS**

**Brownsville Independent School District  
Special Services Department  
Assistive Technology**

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Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

**IDEA 300.308 Assistive Technology**

*Each public agency shall ensure that assistive technology devices or assistive technology services or both...are made available to each child with a disability if required as part of the child's special education, related services, or supplementary aids and services.*

**IDEA 300.305 Assistive Technology 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 functional capabilities of children with disabilities.*

**IDEA 300.6 Assistive Technology Services**

*...any service that directly assists an individual with a disability in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology device. This includes:*

- a. Evaluation of needs including a functional evaluation in the child's customary environment;*
- b. Purchasing, leasing or otherwise providing for the acquisition of assistive technology devices;*
- c. Selecting, designing, fitting, customizing, adapting, applying, maintaining, repairing, or replacing of assistive technology devices;*
- d. Coordinating with other therapies, interventions, or services with assistive technology devices, such as those associated with existing education and rehabilitation plans and programs;*
- e. Training or technical assistance for an individual with disabilities or family;*
- f. Training and technical assistance for professionals, employers, or other individuals who provide service to, employ, or are otherwise substantially involved in the major life functions of such child.*

**IDEA "97 Section 614(d)(3)(B ) Consideration of Special Factors**

*The IEP team shall...*

- (v) consider whether the child requires assistive technology devices and services*

The Reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act requires Individualized Education Program (IEP) teams to consider the assistive technology needs of a student yearly during the development of an IEP.