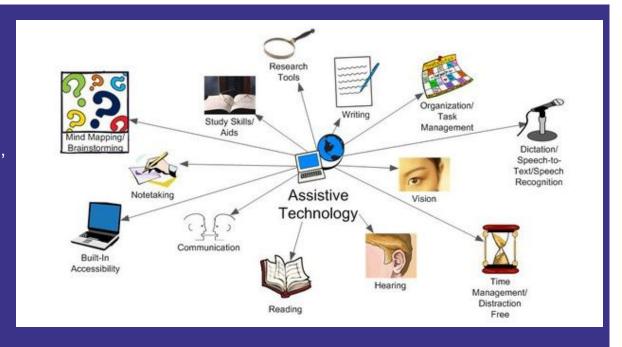
## What is Assistive Technology?

# Federal (IDEA) and State Definition of AT:

Any 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 an individual with a disability.



## Video Examples





# Types of Assistive Technology- No Tech

### No Tech Tools = No power needed

- Pen/Pencil/Crayons
- Stylus
- Pen/Pencil Grips
- Adapted Paper
- Slant board
- No slip surfaces
- Visuals/Calendars

- Communication board/pictures
- Loc Line
- Flexible Seating
- Manipulatives
- White board
- Adapted books
- ADL options (e.g., eating utensils)

# Types of Assistive Technology- Low Tech

### Low Tech Tools = Buttons and Batteries

- Alternative keyboards
- Switches
- Calculators
- Adapted mouse
- Static display AAC
- PowerLink

- Smart Pen
- Timers
- Headphones/earbuds
- Amplifiers
- Toys

# Types of Assistive Technology- High Tech

### **High Tech Tools = Operating System**

- iPads/tablets/phones
- Dynamic display AAC device/app
- Reading software/app
- Writing software/app
- Smart Pen

- Computer/word processor
- Switch adaptor
- Smart watch
- Enlarged screens
- Audiobooks

### AT District Responsibilities

#### Evaluating Needs

Evaluating the needs of a child with a disability, including a functional evaluation in the student's customary environment

### Obtaining Equipment

Purchasing, leasing, or otherwise providing for the acquisition of assistive technology equipment for students with disabilities

#### Training student, family & professionals

Training/technical assistance to all individuals involved in providing educational and rehabilitative services

#### Providing Modifications/ Customization

Selecting, designing, fitting, customizing, adapting, and applying use of assistive technology equipment Maintenance, repair, & replacement as needed.

Maintaining, repairing, or replacing assistive technology

### Additional AT Resources/Links

**Assistive Technology Industry Association** 

Wisconsin Assistive Technology Initiative

**Quality Indicators for Assistive Technology Services** 

**PATTAN- Assistive Technology**