

WHAT'S THE FUTURE LOOK LIKE?

With VAATT

Volusia Adaptive Assistive Technology Team

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VAATT is a multidisciplinary team that facilitates the considerations of a student's needs and, if appropriate, recommends adaptive-assistive technology. Team members provide on-going training and onsite support to students with disabilities, teachers, parents, and other instructional staff in the use of adaptive assistive technology across the realm of low to high tech items.

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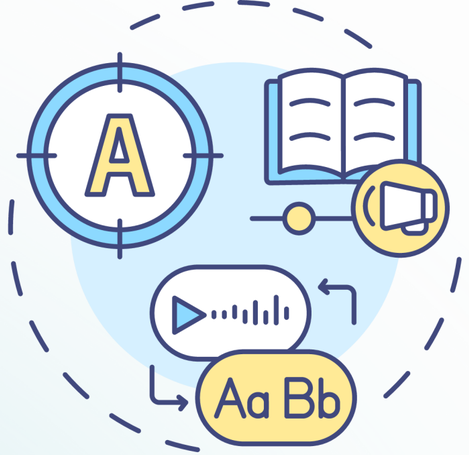
For people without disabilities, technology makes things easier.

For people with disabilities, technology makes things possible.

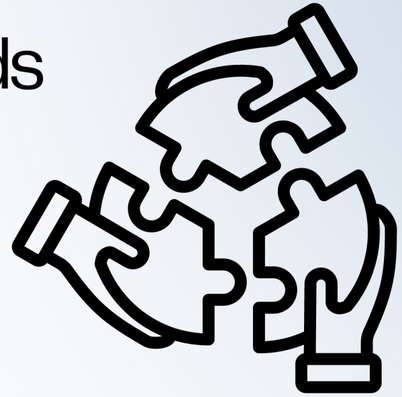
IBM training manual, 1991



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- Facilitation of the considerations of technology needs in conjunction with the student's team
- Consultation to instructional staff on implementing school-based technology solutions
- Assistance in making adaptive materials for communication and/or behavioral needs



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- Technical assistance and support for adaptive assistive technology devices/software
- Workshops and individualized training opportunities in the use of assistive technology
- Support for obtaining specialized formats for print instructional materials for identified students

LOW TECH

Devices that are readily available, inexpensive, and typically do not require batteries or electricity



- Highlighters
- Color Filters
- Magnifying Bar
- Adaptive Paper
- Post-it Notes
- Core Boards
- Slant Board

MID TECH

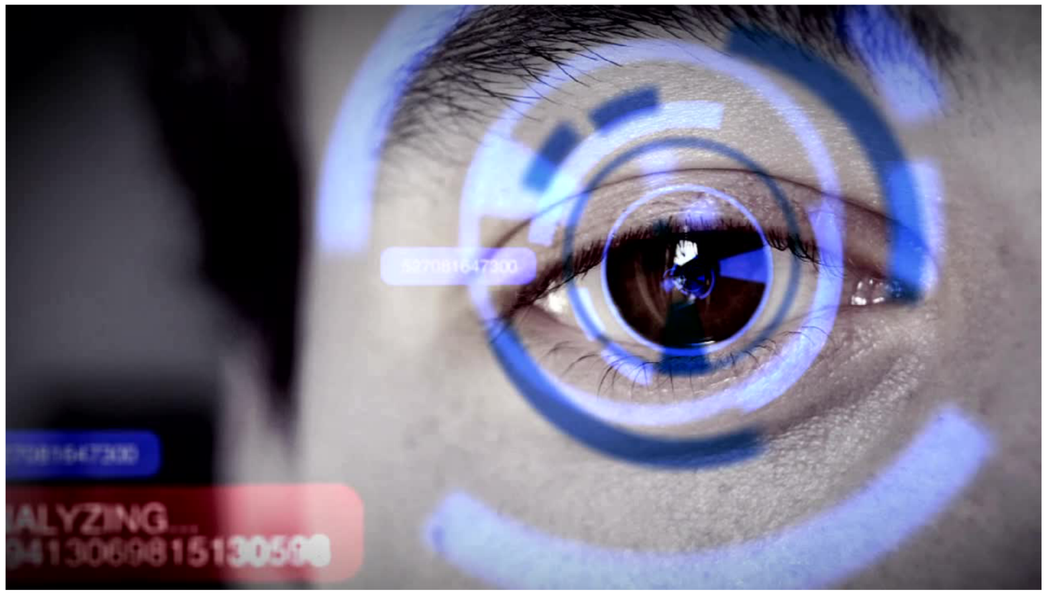
Devices that are usually digital and may require batteries or another power source.



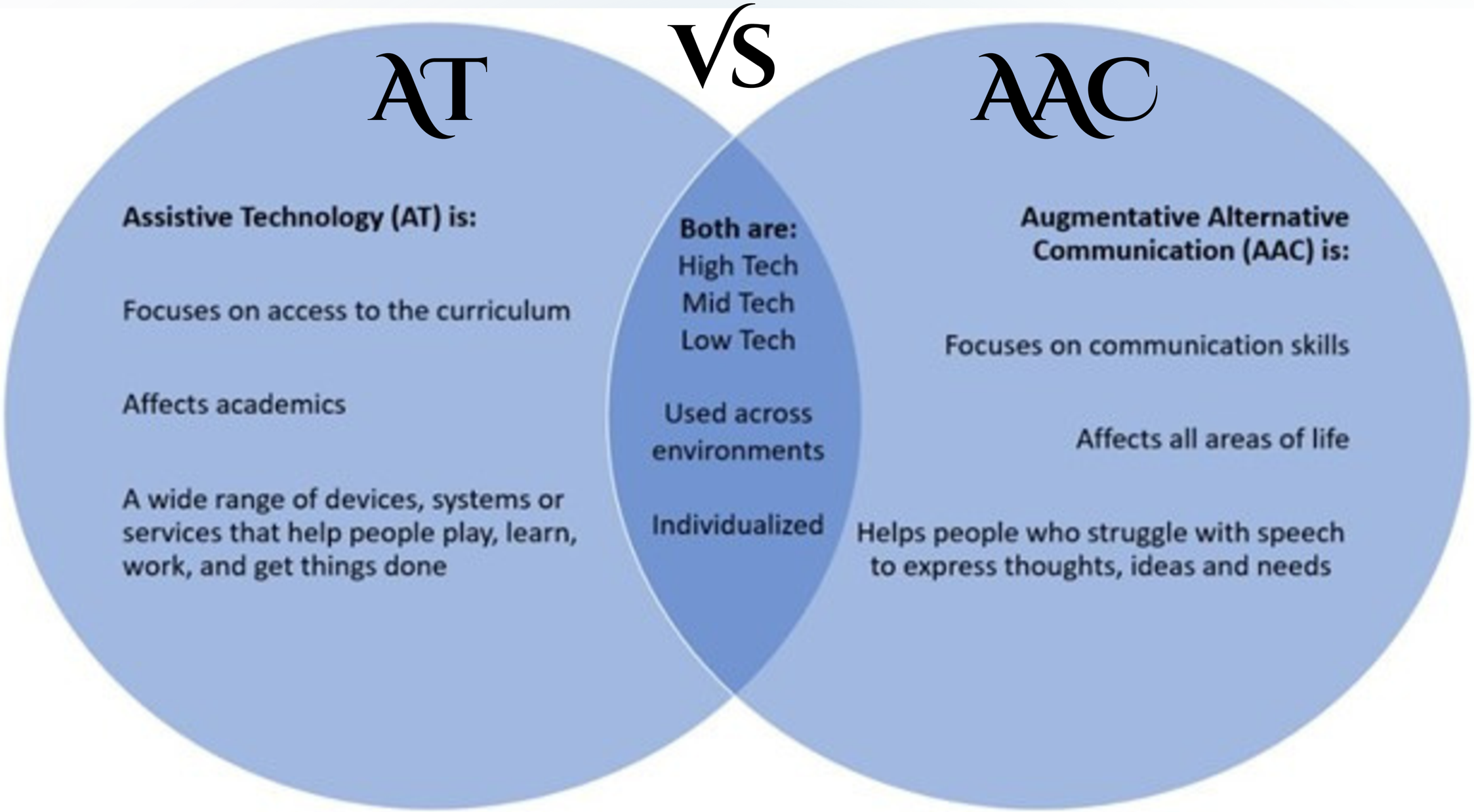
- Word Processor
- Digital Voice Recorder
- Static Communication Device
- Adaptive Mouse
- Switch
- Adaptive Keyboard
- Mounts

HIGH TECH

Devices that are typically computer-based, likely to have sophisticated features and can be tailored to the specific needs of an individual student.

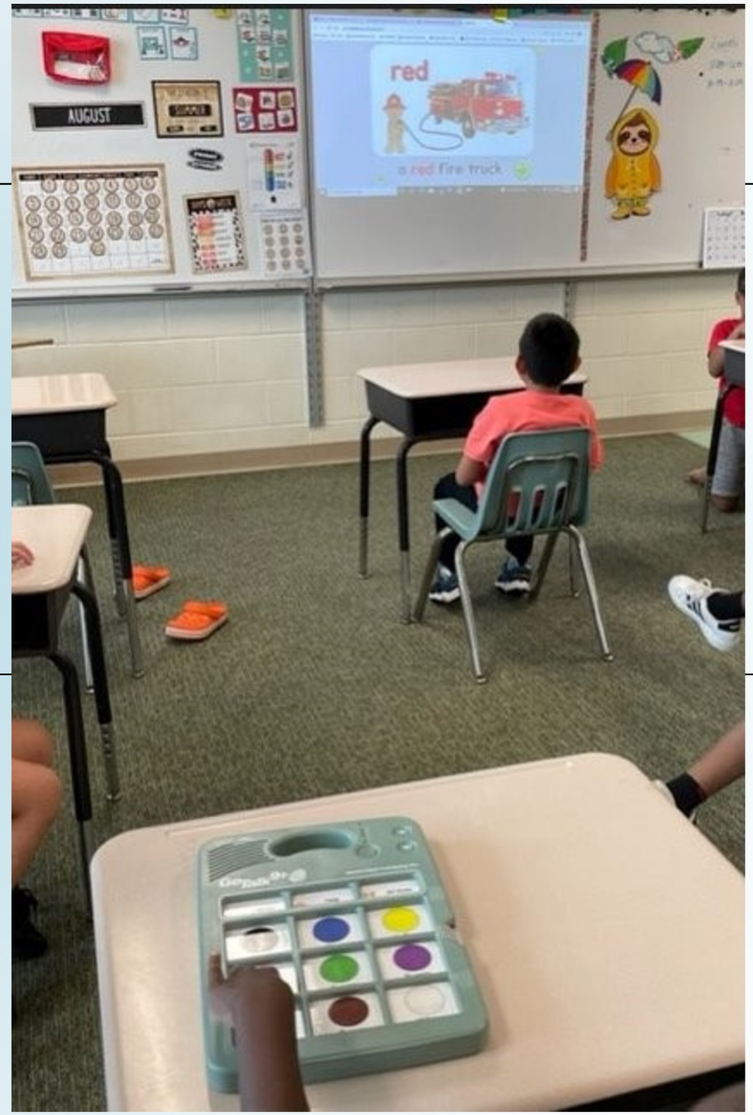


- Laptops
- iPads
- Text to Speech
- Word Prediction
- Assistive Software/Apps
- Dynamic Display Communication Device
- Eye Gaze Systems


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VS
AAC
Assistive Technology (AT) is:
Focuses on access to the curriculum
Affects academics
A wide range of devices, systems or services that help people play, learn, work, and get things done
Both are:
High Tech
Mid Tech
Low Tech
Used across environments
Individualized
Augmentative Alternative Communication (AAC) is:
Focuses on communication skills
Affects all areas of life
Helps people who struggle with speech to express thoughts, ideas and needs

AT VS AAC





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Our Team



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Prior to Covid, VAATT attended annual conferences to enhance practices and improve student outcomes. 2025 is the first year the team could again attend an international, high quality professional learning event.

Despite budget limitations, the entire team was able to attend thanks to FDLRS and the ACCESS Project that funded our admission and travel expenses.

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Collaborating with state agencies

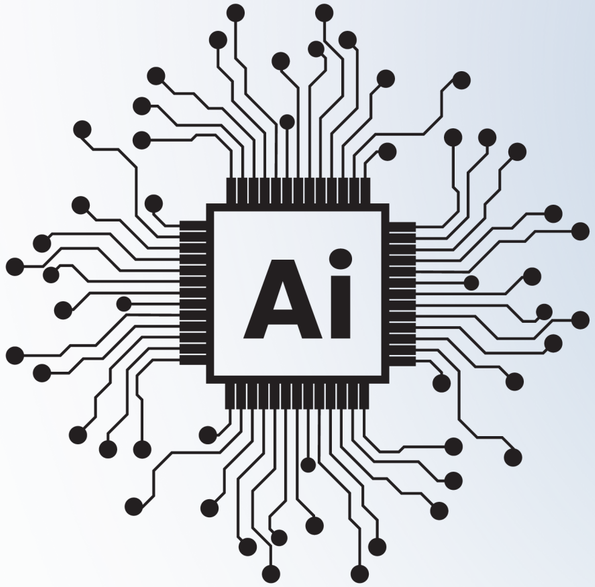
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Some of the topics we learned about were:

-Artificial Intelligence (AI)

-3D Printing

-New Technologies being released



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Some of the topics we learned about were:

–Paraprofessional Trainings

–Parent Support Groups

–Leadership

–Transitional AAC for Post Secondary



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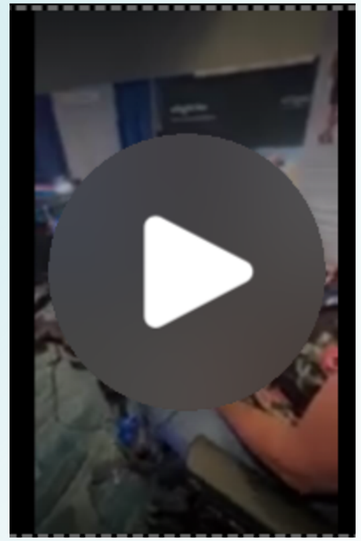
Personal Stories

-individuals

-vendors

-experiences

-free trial



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

THANK YOU