



School-Wide Assistive Technology Action Plan

Beginning with a school-wide assistive technology action plan enhances and supports the implementation of assistive technology for students and teachers. This plan includes specific components. The following are questions that should be considered prior to writing an AT plan:

Assessment of student need (as a school)

- Who is the student population?
- What are their needs and challenges in terms of learning?
- How can AT assist to bypass difficulties and for remediation?

Assessment of teacher need

- Are teachers interested and willing to use AT in the classroom?
- What experience do teachers have?
- Do teachers have the support and resources to be able to use AT?

Training model and sustainability

- What is the training model for the tools selected for teachers and students?
- What is the training process for the tools selected for teachers and students?
- How will teachers' skills be refreshed each year?
- How will new teachers learn to use the tools available?

Methods of integrating assistive technology into the classroom

- In which area of the curriculum will AT be used (subject area and competencies)?
- How will students be taught to use the AT?

IT and environmental considerations

- Who will provide support? Who will teachers call when they need technical support?
- Who will maintain the hardware?
- Is IT aware of how to use tool and integrate it into the school?
- Will the AT software be compatible with other software already installed?
- Will the software be accessible to all students or just to a specific population?
- Where will the software be installed? Is this the best selection based on student need?

Evaluation of AT effectiveness

- What evidence is there that students have made progress with this tool?
- Data-based decision-making and evidence based practices-what does the data demonstrate?

Individual consideration of specific students

- It might be necessary to conduct individual assessments of specific student needs to ensure that all students are included in the plan.

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