



The World of A.T. Assistive Technology



Educational Equity For All

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AT for your Child with Complex Cognitive Needs: Adapted & Online Curriculum

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YouTube Channel of all AbleNet University Recorded Webinars.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnqbFTy0VIQ6fVxXY2HiOJw/videos>

Product Replacement

We've made it so easy to participate in our product replacement program (available for US customers only). The best news? You'll receive up to a 30% discount on the purchase of a new AbleNet product!*

<https://www.ablenetinc.com/resources/product-replacement-program>



Microsoft Word and Google Docs Strategies

There are many simple adjustments that can be made in Microsoft Word and Google Docs that might help students who struggle with reading.

- **Background color** - changing the background color may help a student with processing information on the screen.
- **Font color** - changing the font color may help a student with processing information on the screen.
- **Text size** - adjusting the text size may make text easier to read.
- **Page margins** - adjusting page margins may help increase readability.
- **Line and paragraph spacing** - adjusting line and paragraph spaces may help increase readability.

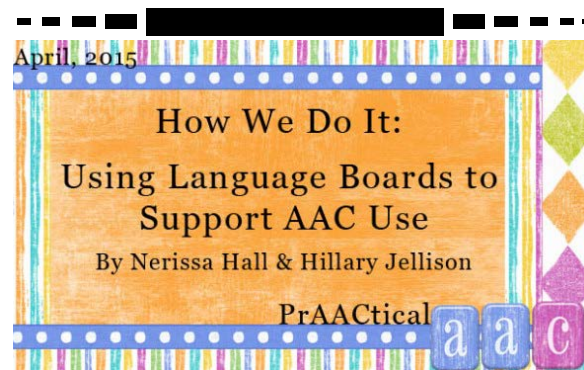
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How Technology in the Classroom Is Shaping the Future of Education

If you're a teacher, you've likely heard about all the ways technology can support you in the classroom. Whether it's tablets and smart boards or the internet and social media, technology influences the modern classroom in too many ways to count. But most teachers don't get a manual that shows them how to effectively use and implement this kind of technology in the classroom.

This guide will help you understand how technology can empower you and your students. We'll explore how digital tools can help teachers and students succeed, and how you can use that tech in a safe, professional way. Learning how technology is shaping the world of learning will help you see how it fits into your specific needs and your goals as an educator.

<https://www.jotform.com/technology-in-the-classroom/>



How We Do It: Using Language Boards to Support AAC Use By Nerissa Hall and Hillary Jellison t.ly/OB0d5

FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH

Free Communication Boards/PECS for Autism/Pmld



Free Communication Boards for Autism

There are plenty of great communication systems for students with severe and profound disabilities. You may find that FREE ones do the trick.

Remember, PECS is a brand

name, but the process of using Picture Exchange is not- and it needs no special boxed program or unique training... just follow the video examples above. <http://www.noodlenook.net/free-communication-boards-autism/>

Assistive Technology Certificate Programs Online



CERTIFICATE IN ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY & ACCESSIBLE DESIGN (GRADUATE) t.ly/Gj3bk



Tseng College
Graduate, International and Midcareer Education

The Assistive Technology Applications Certificate Program (ATACP) offers practical tools and techniques of assistive technology accommodations and applications in meeting the needs of individuals with various disabilities in many settings. In addition, ATACP addresses the tools and techniques behind the assistive technology that enhances the effectiveness in the area of assistive technology applications.

<https://tsengcollege.csun.edu/programs/ATAC>

Assistive Technology: Top Tools by Disabilities Level The Visual Disability Spectrum

Students with visual disabilities may require special tools to access information both inside and outside of the classroom. This assistive technology ranges from low-tech devices such as reading magnifiers to complex high-tech Braille printers. "No matter the terms that may be used to describe a student's visual disability," notes Chester Goad, "there are tools to meet the needs of a variety of levels of vision [disability]."

<https://www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/resources/helping-blind-low-vision-students/>

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

t.ly/1dpb7

<https://able2learn.com/products/pecs-leisure.html>

<https://littlepuddins.ie/autism-visual-supports/>



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Welcome to the Ability Tools (formerly AT Network) training library. Many of the trainings were recorded live. All trainings are open captioned and available for you to view on YouTube at your leisure.

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- Walk, Marathon, Activity

- 2016 Reuse Conference
- AT Product Demonstrations
- Children & Youth to 18
- Computers, Tablets, Software & Apps
- Evaluation & Assessment
- Law & Advocacy
- Professional Development
- Transition & Community Living

PROJECT UNDERSTOOD: TEACHING GOOGLE TO



UNDERSTAND PEOPLE WITH DOWN SYNDROME & SPEECH IMPAIRMENT



<https://assistivetechblog.com/>