

Assistive Technology Equipment Lending Center

The Assistive Technology Equipment Lending Library at Education Service Center, Region 2 (ESC-2) is a program that supports the school districts within the boundaries of ESC-2 by making available a variety of devices for evaluation purposes. The lending library is a service that is meant to assist our districts in determining the devices that will be appropriate to support individual students' Individualized Education Program (IEP) needs. Devices are available for check out for 30 days on a first come, first served basis. Clients may be placed on a waiting list for a particular device, if it is checked out by another client. Devices will be made available in order of requests received. For further information regarding the lending library of devices and the check-out policy, please contact:

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Low-Tech	Description	Can be used with:
<p>Big Mack Communicator</p> 	<p>Record a single message directly into the communicator and press surface for playback (two minutes recording time.) Connect a toy or appliance for additional motivation. Has 5 inch activation surface.</p>	<p>Students with visual impairments and students with physical disabilities who require a larger target area.</p>
<p>Big Step-by-Step</p> 	<p>Record a series of messages directly into the device and press its activation surface for the first message. Press it again and automatically steps to the next message. (2 minutes recording time.)</p>	<p>Students who require a larger target area.</p>
<p>Comboard (Clear Clock Communicator)</p> 	<p>The device is a picture symbol board which houses a motor-driven pointer. The pointer is rotated until it reaches the desired picture symbol on the board by pressing on one of two single switches. One switch rotates the pointer in one direction, the other in the opposite direction. The speed can be adjusted.</p>	<p>Beginning communicators who require special access using single switches.</p>
<p>Eye Talk</p> 	<p>The observer views the eye gaze of the user and sees their selection. It is made with clear, shatter-resistant plastic. It comes with two self-contained height adjustable triangle stands.</p>	<p>Students who need alternative means of communication.</p>
<p>Little Step-by-Step</p> 	<p>Record any series of messages into the device. Press its activation surface once to hear the first message. Press it again to hear the next message in the sequence, and so on. (2 minutes recording time.)</p>	<p>Students by pre-recording sequential messages to be used at specific times of the day or on regular basis.</p>

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<p>Adjustable Head Pointer</p> 	<p>Use as a keyboard aid, pencil holder, for turning pages or drawing.</p>	<p>Students with limited hand use, for activities including turning pages, drawing or painting.</p>
<p>Abacus</p> 	<p>The abacus teaches the student to develop a pictorial representation of the problem in the brain, so that the student may learn process of calculation and develop a better understanding of numbers and number sense.</p>	<p>Students with visual and/or learning difficulties, who cannot benefit from the use of a calculator or other digital device.</p>
<p>Adaptive plus toys</p> 	<p>Watch them walk, talk and make animal sounds. Animals currently available are a bear, pig and frog. These toys are designed to be used with a switch.</p>	<p>Students to promote visual tracking and knowledge of cause and effect.</p>
<p>All Turn-It Spinner</p> 	<p>The switch activated All-Turn-It Spinner, with a built-in external switch jack, enables random selections for choosing groups or playing games of chance like Bingo.</p>	<p>Students with limited mobility.</p>

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Mid-Tech	Description	Can be used with:
<p>Bamboo Pen and Touch</p> 	<p>Connects to your Mac via USB to function like a giant multi touch laptop touch pad. Users can also use the included pen for drawing or navigating the touch pad.</p>	<p>Students with limited physical mobility.</p>
<p>Big Keys with Keyguard</p> 	<p>This device is for early learners and others with basic keyboard needs that would benefit from the simple keyboard layout and large keys.</p>	<p>Early learners and those with very basic keyboard needs.</p>
<p>Cheap talk 6-Level Communicator</p> 	<p>This device is for teaching language skills and communicating. Can store up to 48 messages with (6 second recording time.) Messages can be recorded and re-recorded.</p>	<p>Beginning communicators.</p>
<p>ClassMate Reader</p> 	<p>Digital audio book reads aloud and simultaneously displays and highlights text on its full color screen.</p>	<p>Students with a learning disability, to gain reading independence.</p>
<p>DynaVox Tango</p> 	<p>This device uses a six-button structure to navigate through the stored language.</p>	<p>Students with motor challenges.</p>

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<p>Flip Camera</p> 	<p>Pocket-sized camcorder features one-touch recording and digital zoom. Captures 120 minutes of full video on 4 GB of built-in memory; no tapes or additional memory cards required. Flip-out USB arm plugs directly into your computer to launch FlipShare software.</p>	<p>Students with motor challenges.</p>
<p>GoTalk 4+</p> 	<p>This device features 5 levels and “core message” cells, which eliminate need to re-record essential messages for each level. (4.5 minutes recording time.)</p>	<p>Communication and curriculum.</p>
<p>GoTalk 9+</p> 	<p>This device features 45 message capacity, 5 recording levels and “core message” cells, which eliminate need to re-record essential messages for each level. (9 minutes of recording time.)</p>	<p>Communication and curriculum.</p>
<p>Go Talk 20+</p> 	<p>This device can be used for communication and curriculum. It features 100 message capacity, 5 recording levels and “core message” cells, which eliminate need to re-record essential messages for each level. (15 minutes recording time.)</p>	<p>Communication and curriculum.</p>

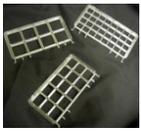
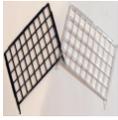
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Mid-Tech	Description	Can be used with:
<p>Go Talk Express 32</p> 	<p>The device is a voice output communication device with multiple messages and levels. (28 minutes recording time.) The device is a functional scanning device, scan pattern of step, linear, or group scanning available.</p>	<p>With a non-speaking person as a beginning-level device to electronic voice aids.</p>
<p>Intellikeys</p> 	<p>This alternative keyboard connects to Mac/Windows computer by USB. This keyboard has no keys, simply slide overlays over its programmable surface to create different keyboards for the student.</p>	<p>Students with physical disabilities.</p>
<p>KeyGuards</p> 	<p>This plastic keyguard snaps over your IntelliKeys and overlay. The overlays provide large, well-spaced keys in high contrast colors. This makes it easier for students and other users to differentiate buttons and make the selection they want.</p>	<p>Students with physical disabilities</p>
<p>Neo-Word Processor w/Co: Writer</p> 	<p>This learning device with built-in LCD screen has a full-size keyboard. With Co:Writer for NEO, your students get word prediction support. Co:Writer enables students to express their ideas easily and focus on the content of their writing.</p>	<p>Students with learning disabilities like dyslexia, hindered by verbal communication limitations, or faced with physical hurdles like lack of fine motor skills.</p>
<p>Quick Link Pen</p> 	<p>A small battery operated, hand held device that digitally captures text-based information from printed documents.</p>	<p>Students with a learning disability or dyslexia.</p>
<p>ReadingPen 2</p> 	<p>Users can scan text, hear it spoken aloud and obtain definitions and correct pronunciation within seconds.</p>	<p>Students who are second language learners, have reading difficulties, learning disabilities or dyslexia.</p>

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<p>Tech/Speak 6x32</p> 	<p>The device is a multi-level AAC device designed to aid communication through direct selection. Record and playback 32 messages per level (up to 192 messages). (2.25 seconds recording time.)</p>	<p>Students with communication disabilities.</p>
<p>Tech/Talk</p> 	<p>Record and playback 8 messages per level. It has 8 levels which will equal up to 64 independent messages with (4.5 seconds recording time).</p>	<p>Students with communication disabilities.</p>
<p>USB Point It Joystick</p> 	<p>Gives smooth proportional control of all mouse movements. Rugged Left Click, Double Click, Right Click, Drag and Drop, Latching. External switch jacks for those users who want a larger target area for the left and right click.</p>	<p>Students who have mobility and dexterity difficulties.</p>

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High-Tech AAC	Description	Can be used with:
<p>ChatBox</p> 	<p>This device can be programmed for the appropriate vocabulary and voice. Students who cannot press the keys on the device can use a switch to activate messages. Row/column scanning and linear scanning are both available. (10 minutes recording time.)</p>	<p>Beginning communicators.</p>
<p>SpringBoard Lite</p> 	<p>This is a dynamic display speech output device that uses Minspeak Icons or Mayer-Johnson PCS symbols and digitized speech. It has a 4-, 8-, 15-, and 32 plus-location display options. It has IR environmental controls, visual scenes, and limited bluetooth.</p>	<p>AAC beginners or emergent communicators.</p>
<p>SpringBoard Lite Keyguards</p> 	<p>8, 15, or 32 locations keyguards</p>	<p>Students with a wide range of cognitive and motor skills.</p>
<p>Vantage Lite</p> 	<p>This dynamic screen speech generating device includes 4, 8, 15, 45, 60 and 84 location display options. It features direct selection from the touch screen or single or dual switch scanning. USB connectivity is available for use with head-pointing systems, mouse, USB joystick and mouse emulation access products. The Unity vocabulary program is programmed in the device.</p>	<p>Emergent learners to competent communicators.</p>
<p>Vantage Lite Keyguards</p> 	<p>45,60, and 84 locations keyguards</p>	<p>Students with a wide range of cognitive and motor skills.</p>