



AT Leadership Network Meeting

Nov 15, 2012

9:00 pm – 3:00 pm
(Lunch on your own)

Agenda

Celebrations & Successes

Leander – Gideon's [AT in Action Blog: Google chrome FREE read and write toolbar](#)

- Helps make Google Docs accessible! Also, Diana Pettke reports students being very successful with built-in contextual speller vs word prediction.

Network Needs?

PFISD's AT operating guidelines/AT Manual draft due in end of Feb.!!

- [Harlingen ISD has online AT Handbook](#)

Info and Follow Up from Last Meeting + Stuff we Didn't Get To

- [Edmodo](http://www.edmodo.com/): <http://www.edmodo.com/>
- ATIA webinars (<http://www.atia.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=4381>) 2 live and 2 archived have been provided by ESC 13 to you – Anyone done any? Fonner cancellations!!
- VPP program interest?
- [STAAR- Alt & Grade Appropriate Text \(LID\)](#)- be aware of current TEA guidance when helping teachers!
 - [Accessible and Adapted Books](#) (Livebinder) resource we're using in our STAAR-Alt trainings
- [Accommodations \(HIAT\)](#)- cool cheat sheet almost finished- can find accomms by grade level, etc
 - [STAAR Spelling Assistance and Technology Accommodations](#) (Livebinder + webinar)
- Statewide news: [SB866 Dyslexia and Technology Plan](#); Passed both House and Senate; Signed by Governor 6/17/11, Effective Immediately

The committee met three times, and we created a document that will be available fall next year 13-14. The document is currently at TEA and going through those channels before it is officially released. It will be an online, living document so that changes can easily be made as updates on technologies become available. It is important to note that this is a guidance document. The document outlines a plan for determining the resources a district has, matching the resources to the student need, and providing a framework for determining what other resources may be needed for future purchases. It also has a nice section that lists tools, programs, and apps that can be used by students with dyslexia.

I believe that a training will be created to support implementation of this document. It will be available at all ESCs once completed.

(per ESC 4 Dyslexia and AT contacts)

Note: no funding provided for this.

New Resources

- Web-Based Skills Inventory for Assistive Technology Assessment Competencies
 - <http://www.florida-ese.org/atcomp/overview.htm> Miami Dade AT Dept
- Read Tips for College Success by Nigel the Fox - AT and Transition Info by Student
- AAC Apps Assistant and AAC Device Assistant
 - http://www.aactechconnect.com/?page_id=16 (provided if attending Dec 5th Evaluating AAC Apps and Devices workshop)
- I Found This (AT) In My Classroom- What's in this Box? (LBinder) – basics for *new* life skills/PCCD staff

Nic's Notes from discussion

Lots of discussion around using iPad + apps for STAAR for kids who need word processing or spelling assistance- TEA said something slightly different than their vetted documents posted in Triangle... good to be safe, but remember that Type 2 Accomms don't need TEA approval; local decisions. Internet would need to be disabled, but test administrator (not student) could connect to internet to print it out for transcribing, etc.

Can trade in old alphasmart, neo, fusions and get new Forte (\$200 or cheaper) with nice bag- has word prediction and text-to-speech

Anyone using a cost effective tablet that's not an iPad? ESC 13 has an Asus tablet – windows 7 platform + we're ordering ipad mini's; possibly Google's Nexus 7

GripCase.com = Mayra's fave iPad case for kids on spectrum= \$39, repeat offender tested ☺ been thrown - handles all around, diff colors! Worth the wait- back ordered usu.

"Technology for Education" = vendor Anne B @ Eanes recommends (and have GripCase, etc.)

Mayra- LAMP words for life \$299. Uses like/lieu Vantage lite 84 sequence students transition well. Mayra's working bugs – like scrolling out. Has LAM-for lang samples. Drawback, saving portion ishare service/cloud service for back up pay 59 or 149 for school district to put back ups on it, 90days free to try.

Touch chat by Saltillo – free ishare service!! Neat cuz, when putting kid on touch chat she creates own starter vocab – more core based with some fringe... upload to ishare, she doesn't have to create board from scratch and can download.

Gridplayer wants you to do it on their software and then transfer to app, but will never have a customizable app ☹- HS ready to transition, cuz free and for parents, use on daily basis. Sounding board used in conjunction- purpose to use more for pre-generated phrases, if kids can move btwn 2 apps.

Windows based PC tablet, buy gridplayer software, then could customize!

Learning Together

- ATEval2go Hands-on Time
<http://jvanhouten.blogspot.com/2012/10/should-i-ateval2go-or-should-i-just-say.html>
- iPad Curriculum- Accessibility + Features for Blind/Low Vision
 - http://osb.k12.ok.us/wp-content/uploads/iPad-Accessibility_Booklet_10MAY12.pdf

- Abilipad Tutorial <http://a4cwsn.com/2012/03/abilipad/>
 - Pending revision will make it easier to customize and create, so wait!!! ☺ could use for STAAR Alt- takes awhile to load
- Other _____

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LUNCH FROM 11:30-1:00 PM

[Dell Assistive Technology Services](#)

- Kelly Gibson - explore configurator & give any feedback
- Kathy Henson: kathy.henson@arc-is.com

Upcoming Trainings and Events

- **Evaluating AAC Apps and Devices- # FA1225291.** Debby McBride with AACTechConnect- **Dec 5th**
- **Top 10 AT- Related Legal Issues webinar- Part 2** (via ESC 4 registration) **Dec 6th** 11am -12noon
- **Communication Teams** (application required VI, SLP...) with Schweigert- Feb 11
- LAMP training – Jan 31 & Feb 1
- “Boardmaker” and “iPads in Sped” Spring trainings- dates tbd

Don't forget about your 4 ATIA webinars that are prepaid! See Robin for discount code and info!

[TATN](#) Statewide AT Conference, June 11-13th, 2013 @ ESC 4 Houston, TX

[BTH](#) Special Education Conference, June 26-28th, 2013 @ ESC 13 Austin, TX

Next AT Leadership Meeting: February 15, 2013

Topic – MATH accommodations and AT ???!