10 Things Every District Should Know about Assistive Technology
Part 1

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Reference 16, 23
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Assistive Technology is a Collaborative Effort
“No sustainable change can be accomplished without core people struggling through the anxieties of complex problem solving toward a shared solution.”

Fullan (2004)
Stakeholders
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• Student
• Parents
• Teachers
• Related service providers
• Private professionals
• AT Specialists
• Administrators
Student

• Self Advocate
  – voice decisions
  – test-drive equipment
  – learn responsibilities
  – set goals

• Build Confidence

I know what technology works for me!
Student-Led IEP Meetings: Planning and Implementation Strategies

Resources for Involving Students in their IEP Process

Becky Wilson Hawbaker’s Webpage

“Hey, Can I Try That?”

Reference 9, 10, 13, 19, 21
Parents

• Unique prospective
• Provide past history
• Active team member

• Resources
  – Georgia Parent Mentor Partnership
  – Parent to Parent
  – AT Pointers for Parents

Reference D, H, M
Teachers

• Teams benefit from teachers’ expertise in the following areas:
  – Curriculum
  – Expected classroom tasks
  – Classroom procedures
  – Student’s strengths and weaknesses

Reference 8, 12
Related Service Providers

• Services
  • Compensatory
  • Remediation

• Collaborate with private professionals
Private Professionals

• Provide additional information
• Collaborate with school team
  – How they can support the school
  – How the school can support them
Assistive Technology Specialists

• Provides
  – Device category expertise
  – Resources
    • district policies and procedures
    • Ideas and support on implementation
    • Training and troubleshooting
Administrators

• District-wide
  – Policies and procedures
  – Funding

• School-based
  – Set tone for AT use in school
Administrator Resources

- **WATI: A Resource Guide For Teachers and Administrators About Assistive Technology**

- **A School Administrator’s Desktop Guide to Assistive Technology**

- **Helping your Administrators Understand the Important Role they Play in AT**
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