
SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES, cont. . .

- The AT available for demonstration and short-term loans can be found at the ABLE Tech fully accessible website at: <http://oec.okstate.edu/loan/>.
- ABLE Tech provides information and referral services that can assist school personnel with referrals to other appropriate service providers, agencies, vendors or manufacturers.
- IDEA requires that states and school districts provide accessible versions of instructional materials to students with disabilities in a timely manner, as an essential component of FAPE. The National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard (NIMAS) is a uniform electronic format for textbooks and related materials from which accessible formats can easily be made.
- Accessible Instructional Materials (AIM) is for students with sensory, physical, cognitive and learning differences that have difficulty accessing printed materials. ABLE Tech contracts with the State Department of Education and provides:
 - information and demonstration of AT devices and services;
 - technical assistance to educators and/or parents;
 - assistance to schools and parents in determining student eligibility to curriculum resources and availability dependent upon IEP or 504 status;
 - access to repositories for digital textbook file/curriculum content downloads as an Oklahoma authorized user (AU) of the NIMAS; specialized formats (audio, digital, large print) per student as an accessible media producer (AMP);
 - the facilitation of braille or large print curriculum content to vendors such as Liberty Braille and the AIM Center that are authorized to create specialized formats; and
 - the needed AT for the student in order to access AIM and facilitate the delivery of AT the same time as specialized format is delivered.
- For more information on the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), see Appendix A.
- For more information on how to utilize AT, you may download *Assistive Technology for Children and Youth with Disabilities* from Oklahoma ABLE Tech at: http://www.ok.gov/abletech/Resources/State_Department_of_Education_Technical_Assistance.html/