



Tips for a Healthy Family Assistive Technology in the Classroom

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The school year is underway, the weather is changing, and students are excited for a great year. For children with learning disabilities, assistive technology tools can support a child in the classroom in all areas of learning, leading to improved academic performance and an increase in a child's sense of self-confidence.

Assistive technology can be any device or tool that helps a person with learning, including such tasks as listening, reading, writing, speaking, organizing and remembering. Assistive technology can include tools like pencil grips to technology such as computers and tablets and the applications used on these devices. For example, a child who might find reading difficult but has good listening skills can benefit from using audio books. For a child who needs assistance with writing, a pencil grip can help position the fingers correctly on a pencil or pen.

Assistive technology can be an effective tool to help your child gain equal access to educational materials and environments. Public schools are required to provide students with disabilities access to assistive technology if it can help them achieve their academic goals. In addition, assistive technology must be made available for students at home or outside school if the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team determines it is necessary.

If you think your child might benefit from assistive technology, contact the team at Wyoming Assistive Technology Resources at the

Wyoming Institute for Disabilities. They can help you and your child determine what devices and strategies might support learning in the classroom.

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