



## The Technology Team

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## Assistive Technology

Promotes greater independence by helping students perform tasks that they are unable or have great difficulty performing.

### Types of Technology

**Low**-simple adaptations that are cost efficient and easy to access

*Examples: pencil grip, slantboard, picture boards, magnifying glass, highlighter tape, bouncy bands, visuals*

**Mid**-battery or electric powered inexpensive devices that would only require minimal training, often lightweight and portable

*Examples: switches, simple voice output, labelmaker, calculator, visual timer*

**High**-more costly; hardware or software, requires additional training for staff, parent, and/or student to use the technology effectively.

*Examples: voice recognition, amplification system, power wheelchair*

## Visual Supports

Examples of visuals include pictures, written words, objects, visual boundaries, schedules, maps, labels, organizational systems, and timelines.

### Augmentative Alternative Communication (AAC)

AAC includes all of the ways we share our ideas and feelings without talking. This may include writing, sign language, low tech communication boards, and speech generating devices.

### Social Stories

A story used to model appropriate and expected behaviors.

### **Who does the CATT team service?**

We service the district's two elementary schools, middle school, high school, and the SOAR program. We also work with students at the two private schools (Immanuel and Holy Rosary). The students are three to twenty-one years of age.

### **What does the CATT team do?**

We meet monthly to discuss students' needs, analyze their environments, tasks, and the tools available for them to ensure all students learn.



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# **CATT Core Assistive Technology Team**



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