

Envision the Possibilities - January 2018

Newsletter of the Assistive Technology Department, Miami-Dade County Public Schools

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Welcome back to Envision the Possibilities...

This monthly newsletter is designed for Miami-Dade County Public Schools Assistive Technology Contacts (ATCs), district ESE staff, teachers, therapists, and support staff. We will keep you up-to-date with assistive technology news, tips, apps, professional development (PD) and more. PLEASE feel free to share the link to this newsletter - <https://padlet.com/smiguel/tdgwvsgxhrc3>

Speaking of PD.....please check My Learning Plan for information and registration for these PD titles:

- * Assistive Technology Assessment & Implementation (AT) - January 19, 2018 @ Robert Morgan Ed Center
- *Reaching Struggling Learners (FDLRS) - January 23, 2018 @ Robert Renick Ed Center
- *Reaching Struggling Learners (FDLRS) - January 25, 2018 @ JRE Lee Ed Center
- *Reaching Struggling Learners (FDLRS) - February 13, 2018 @ TBA
- *The Technology Experience (AT & FDLRS) - February 22, 2018 @ TBA south location

AT Student of the Month - Asnay Machado (see photo below)

Asnay Machado is a senior at Westland Hialeah Senior High School and is dual enrolled at Miami Dade College. He is supported by Mr. Joseph Gross, Program Specialist and AT Contact. Asnay uses an iPad Pro for writing his assignments and for looking up information on the web. He also uses a laptop with Snap and Read - software specially designed to read aloud all types of print (text-to-speech), even PDFs and screen shots - to complete classwork.

Asnay shared how he feels about his assistive technology, "It helps. I would say it helps undoubtedly. It makes it easier for me, it evens the playing field. It helps me, especially with long assignments and essays. I don't think I would be able to do those long assignments without it."

Thank you to Joe Gross, who supplied information and the photo for this article.



LATS of the Month - Rachele Dodard, OTRL, LATS

Rachele Dodard is an Occupational Therapist and Local Assistive Technology Specialist on the AT Team (photo below). Rachele said, "I love assistive technology because of its power to help students who have been unsuccessful in school to find success in their own way."

Her favorite AT tool right now is Camera Mouse (<http://www.cameramouse.org/index.html>). With this free application, a Windows computer, and web camera (built in or USB connected), the user can operate the computer with head movements alone. It was designed for persons with a physical disability who are unable to use a mouse, touch screen, etc.



AT in M-DCPS: What is an AT Contact?

An AT Contact is a school staff member that has been identified by the school administrator to coordinate school activities regarding the provision of assistive technology to the students who need it to access the curriculum and IEP goals. Please see Weekly Briefing 21960 below. Ms. Sheila Miguel, Department Chair for AT, is available to answer questions and provide guidance regarding this briefing - smiguel@dadeschools.net or assistivetech@dadeschools.net.

Audience: All Principals/APs

Due Date: Oct 27, 2017
Meeting Date: n/a

To provide guidelines for school personnel for identifying a School-based Assistive Technology Contact (ATC) and their role and responsibilities.

- In accordance with the requirements set forth in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the use of Assistive Technology (AT) must be considered for all students in Exceptional Student Education (ESE). In addition, all students with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) and who have been determined to have a print disability will have access to instructional materials in the specialized formats needed for their maximum success in school.
- All schools are required to identify a School-based ATC who will coordinate the provision of AT and the provision of Accessible Instructional Materials (AIM) at the school level in order to increase the probability of success for students with disabilities.
- The roles and responsibilities of the ATC are as follows:
 - Receives periodic information from the District Chairperson for Assistive Technology and shares information with school personnel;
 - Attends training(s) regarding the procedures and provisions of AT and AIM to students;
 - Coordinates the School Support Team (SST) in following the procedures for assistive technology as detailed in the M-DCPS Local Educational Agency (LEA) Guide, including Assistive Technology Assessment and Implementation Plan K-12 (ATIP) (FM 7067)
 - Maintains a list of all students at the school who are using assistive technology and/or accessible instructional materials as per their IEP and type of devices/tools/materials used; and
 - Directs educational staff at the school to available accessible materials and resources.
- Using the survey link below, schools must provide the names, position titles, and e-mail addresses of each designated School-based AT Contact by **Friday, October 27, 2017**.
 - https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=L_Z4Rc2G-UqzF5PgmYg9Xh0YmlHdFONALUssP_RUMDNFSUkzMUFRREjWUjgwQldNMDkwOUFVYy4u
- For additional information, please contact Ms. Sheila Miguel, Department Chairperson for Assistive Technology, Exceptional Student Education, at 786 268-4757.

Contact: Vivian Nunez, Instructional Supervisor (786 268-4757)
Department: Exceptional Student Education

ID Role and Responsibilities of School-based Assistive Technology Contact 10.27.17

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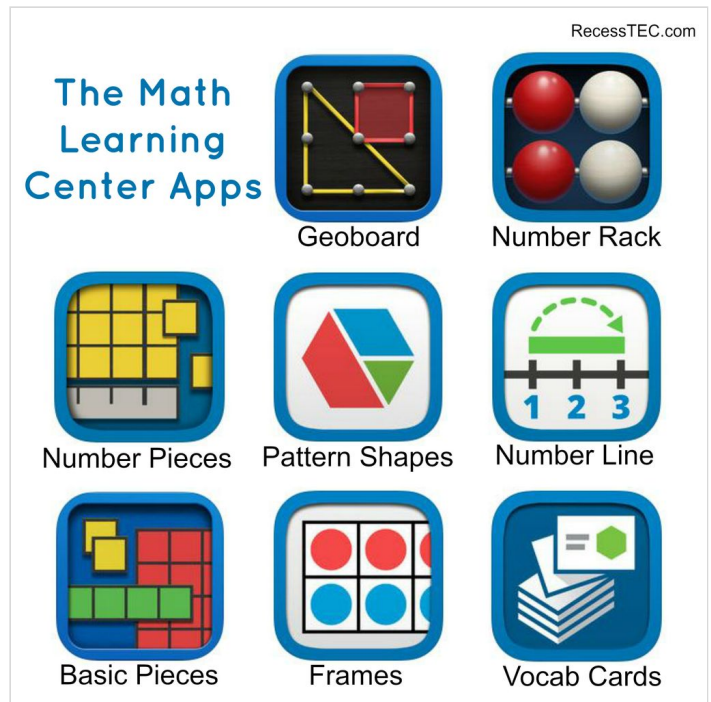
TIPS for ATIPs

DID YOU KNOW that the the Assistive Technology Assessment and Implementation Plan - ATIP for short (FM 7067) - has been recently recently updated? Changes include

streamlined directions on each page to guide you in the AT assessment process. Download the ATIP at <http://forms.dadeschools.net> or <http://assistivetech.dadeschools.net>.

App of the Month for...Math - MathLearningCenter.com

<https://www.mathlearningcenter.org/resources/apps> - at Math Learning Center you will find a wealth of digital math manipulatives. These apps are great for independent student exploration on a desktop or mobile device and on classroom interactive white boards. Mobile apps are available on Apple and Chrome platforms. Give them a try...easy and fun :)



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