

Assistive Technology Decision Making Process Overview

To acquire assistive technology services and/or equipment, there is a process that involves:

- a review of the student's medical, physical and behavioral needs
- his/her skills
- tasks required by IEP goals
- effectiveness of previous interventions
- trials using equipment and strategies

This is considered a site trial, not a standardized evaluation or assessment.

Department procedures ensure a smooth and effective application of assistive technology include:

- All ATDMP (Assistive Technology Decision Making Process) meetings must be scheduled with the AT Consultant in advance.

- Service providers that have been trained and authorized by the AT Consultant to conduct ATDMP, may do so with advanced planning.

- Equipment requests will be made in the context of the student's ability to **access the curriculum.**

- Resources of the [WISD](#) (Washtenaw Intermediate School District) and [MITS](#) (Michigan Integrated Technology Supports) lending library are the primary avenues for providing devices for trials.

- **IEP's** must consider AT Services in the FAPE/Comment sections.

- If the decision is to begin or continue AT services, there are two statements to be made in the comments sections of the IEP:

1. *An Assistive Technology Decision Making process will be initiated,*
or
2. *An Assistive Technology Decision Making process is ongoing.*