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ATLAS

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What Is Assistive Technology?

Assistive technology (AT) is any **item, piece of equipment, software program, or product system** that is used to **increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of persons with disabilities.** (ATIA, 2025)

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Types of AT

- **Low-tech**, such as picture communication boards
- **High-tech**, such as eye gaze AAC
- **Hardware**, such as mounting, prosthetics, or positioning devices
- **Computer hardware,** such as special switches, keyboards, or pointer devices

Top row: PECS Communication Book, TD Pilot (Tobii-Dynavox)
Bottom row: Large Print Black on Yellow Keyboard (LogicKeyboard), Magic Arm Mounting System (Enabling Devices)

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Types of AT

- **Computer software**, such as screen readers or communication programs
- Inclusive or specialized learning materials and curriculum aids
- Specialized curricular software
- And much more!

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Google Classroom

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ATLAS Services

- The ATLAS Project offers an Equipment Lending Library, a no-cost service, that loans assistive technology devices, tool, apps and resource materials to school personnel at Indiana's Local Education Agencies (LEAs).

Equipment demonstrations

Technical assistance

Workshops and trainings

Lending library

Apple apps

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Introduction to ATLAS

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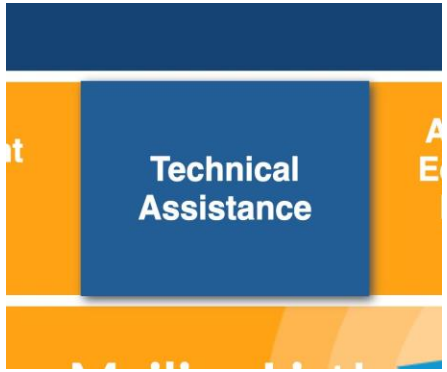
Technical Assistance Requests

TA request form can be utilized if you need:

- Support in choosing the right AT device for your student
- Demonstration of AT equipment
- Workshops/Training requests for LEAs



Technical Assistance Requests

Home › Technical Assistance Requests

The Indiana Department of Education and ATLAS are committed to providing local educational agencie (LEAs) with effective, efficient, and focused support to ensure that students have equitable access to th curriculum through assistive technology. This support is delivered through both virtual and in-person technical assistance. Technical Assistance (TA), often known as consulting, involves offering targeted support to an organization facing a specific development need or challenge. It is a proven method for enhancing the capacity of an organization.

If you are seeking TA, fill out the **IDOE TA Request Form** to get your request fulfilled.

IDOE Technical Assistance Request Form

Areas of Support

- Apple (iOS) Accessibility
- Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC)

Assistive Technology Specialists

- Guide LEAs in choosing appropriate AT devices for students
- Demonstrate how to use AT devices being trialed from loan library
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Thank you so much for all your help this year with borrowing the i-16 and for showing us all the switch toys. I appreciate your **willingness to help**. It has made C's day to have access to these the last several weeks. His **face lights up** when he uses them and already in this short time his c**ommunication has grown leaps and bounds!** Thanks for **giving him that access** and for giving us the opportunity to get to **hear HIS voice**! It is so exciting!

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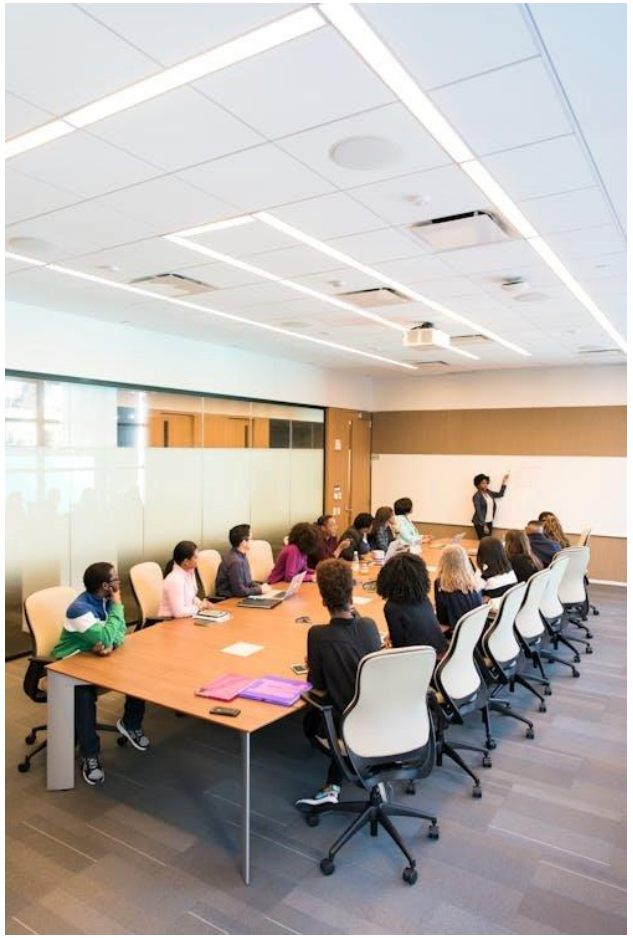
Services offered by ATLAS

Workshops/Trainings

- Possible areas of support include:
  - Apple (iOS) and/or Google Accessibility
  - Assistive Tech on a Budget
  - Assistive Tech for Speech and Language Impairments
  - Autism
  - Blind & Low Vision
  - Communication Disorders
  - Deaf & Hard of Hearing
  - Empowering Students with Visual Impairments
  - Microsoft Accessibility
  - Orthopedic Impairment



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Services offered by ATLAS

Lending Library

- Over 3,000 items available for loan
- More than 20 categories of items
- Items are shipped directly to the school
- Six-week loan period
- Pre-paid return shipping provided

Top Row: All-Turn-It Spinner, TD Pilot (Tobii-Dynavox)
Bottom Row: Alphabet Jodey

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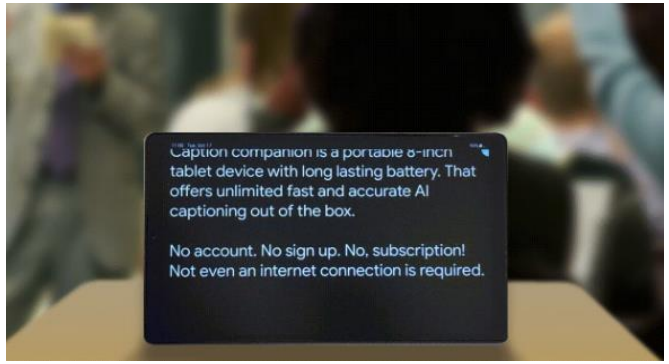
Most Requested Item(s) from catalog

- **Speech/Communication:**
  - Tobii Dynavox I-16 (top left)
- **Hearing:**
  - Caption Companion (top right)
  - Oticon EduMic
- **Vision:**
  - Mini-Lite Box (bottom left)
- **Daily Living:**
  - EazyHold Universal Cuff (bottom right)



New Items

- **Special Tomato with Mobile Base**
  - Great for students with moderate seating support needs
  - Can easily move from one location to another without having to repeatedly transfer, especially floor/circle time

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New Items

- A variety of new **switch-adapted toys**
  - Facilitates play
  - Teaches cause and effect
  - Lays foundation for more complex switch use in future

#9351 Alphabet Jodey

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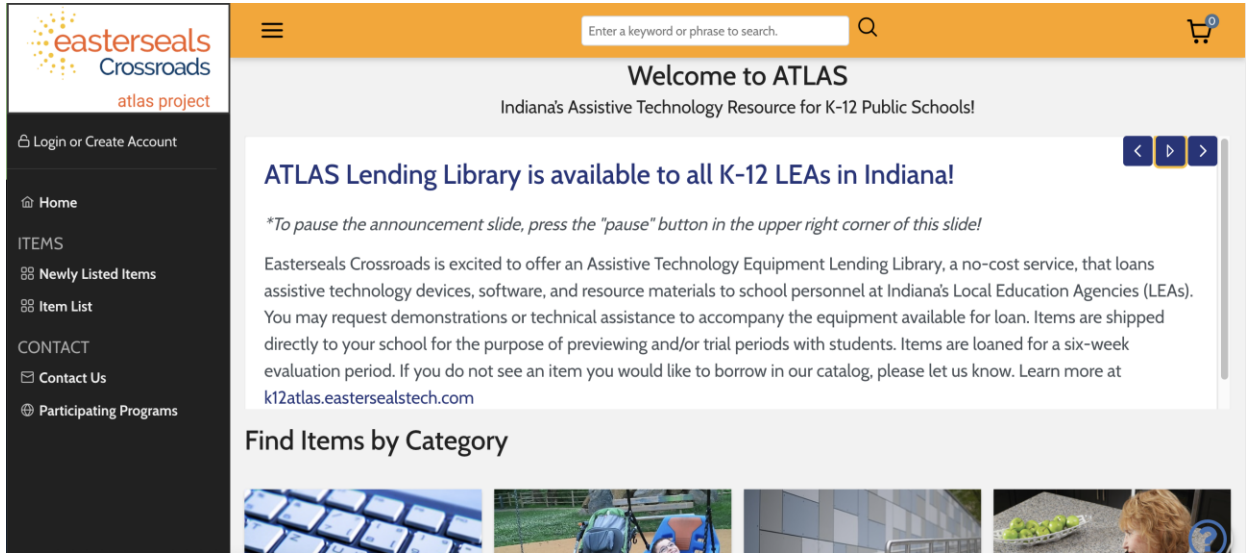
Services offered by ATLAS

Lending Library

- Lending Library catalog is available online to assist you in choosing the best item(s) for your student
- Multiple search categories
- Loans can be requested online by creating an account



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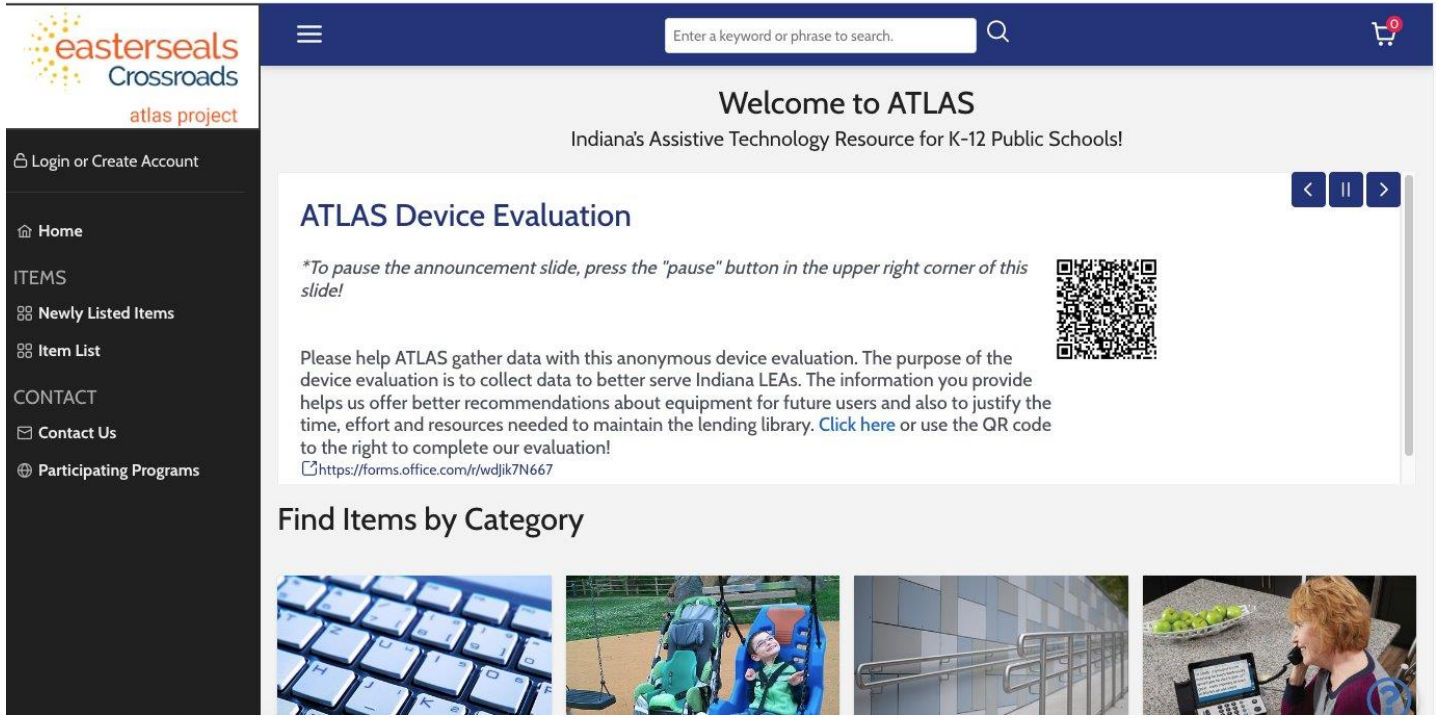
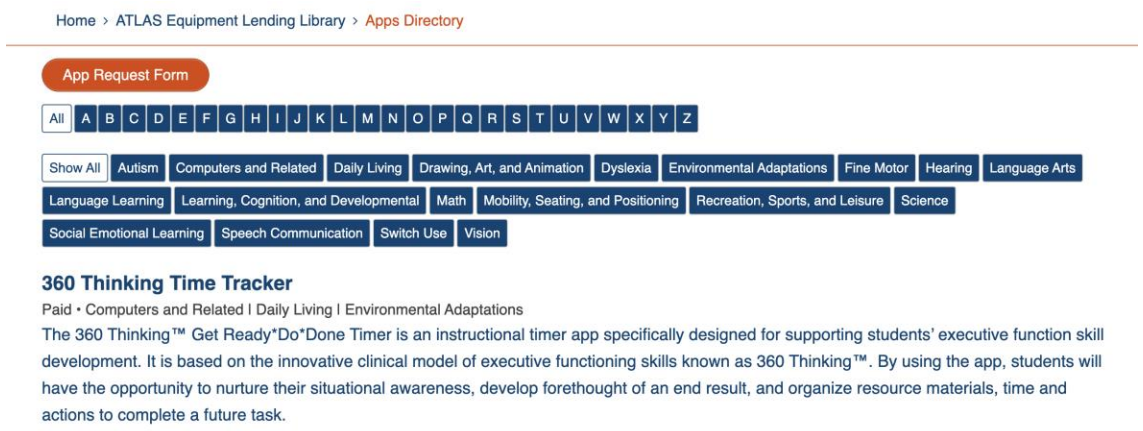
Creating an online Account



Services offered by ATLAS

Apple Apps

- More than 300 apps available to borrow (free & paid)
- Apps will be added to an iPad and sent to you for a six-week trial period
- Always adding apps to collection-let us know what you would like to borrow!
- Request apps by completing the form the App Request Form on the website



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The Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education (CDHHE)

- For students with hearing impairments, ATLAS will often refer educators to the CDHHE
- The Center was established through Indiana Code in 2013 and serves all Indiana deaf and hard of hearing children from birth until they leave school
- The Center provides assessment, services, information, resources and recommendations related to communication, language development, and education of deaf and hard of hearing children in collaboration with schools
- Find out more on the CDHHE Website: https://www.in.gov/health/cdhhe/

Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education

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Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ISBVI)

- For students with vison impairments, ATLAS will often refer educators to the ISBVI
- The ISBVI houses the statewide repository of Accessible Educational Materials (AEM)
- The ISBVI provides vision related services at no-cost to parents and professionals including consultations, assessements, resource location, low-cost clinics for vision services, and much more!
- Find out more on the ISBVI Website: https://www.in.gov/isbvi/ierc/

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