List of resources/websites for mobile technology for students with special needs.

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Outcomes and evaluation

5. Evaluate a variety of mobile technology to determine what will be the most effective for the continuum of student abilities.

As indicated in the initial review of the literature for the proposal, “technology enhances the relevancy of learning by helping students broaden their understanding of the world. Through the use of technology, students with special needs are more able to seek information and then make their own choices, which better prepares them for adult living. (White Paper: 21st Century Learning Initiative, Part 3, 2008).

The spectrum and scope of mobile technology available to students is growing at an incredible rate. Which technology is most beneficial for each student needs to be considered within a series of student specific responses to the following questions.

1. What is this students needs?
2. How will this student use the device?
3. How will this student access this device?
4. How much memory is needed?
5. Who will own the device, will it be the individual student or family or will this be school property? (ilearn, igrow, iplay: new technology aids young children with disabilities)

The first website to become familiar with is;

<http://www.setbc.org/>

Special Education Technology BC.

* This website provides information for educators in accessing information and technology to assist with student learning. This is a Province wide resource.

<http://eraccommons.ca/mobileapps/>

* A review by ERAC teachers of over 200 mobile apps useful for educational instruction.

<http://www.techlearning.com/index>

* A website dedicated to technology in the classroom.

Several websites provide basic information about the range of technology.

<http://www.ldonline.org/ldbasics>

LD online (Learning Disabilities on line)

* LD on-line provides a range of information specific to learning disabilities and students with ADHD.

<http://www.ldonline.org/article/35383/>

Article: Assistive Technology 101

* A basic overview of assistive technology, choosing the right technology and learning more about assistive technology.

<http://www.pacer.org/stc/>

PACER Center for children with disabilities.

Simon Technology Center Overview

* A link to a center with information pertaining to assistive technology and use with children and adults.

<http://www.pacer.org/webinars/stc/iPod_iPad_Resources_Handout050511.pdf>

Article: There’s an APP for That: Ipod/Ipad 101

* Resources for staying current with IOS technology

<http://www.ldonline.org/article/33074/>

Article: Assistive Technology for kids with learning disabilities: An Overview

* Describes what assistive technology is, what types of learning problems does assistive technology address, what is available and questions to assist with developing a student profile.

<http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/school.htm>

Article: Assistive Technology with Students with Disabilities

* Provides a series of articles related to assistive technology use with students, references American legislation and programs.

<http://www.sedl.org/rural/seeds/assistivetech/>

Article: Empowering Rural Students with Disabilities Through Assistive Technology.

* Broadly defines assistive technology, the use of augmentative communication devices, adaptive computing and briefly discusses the use of assistive technology in community practice.

There are several websites that look at apps specifically.

<http://www.ikidapps.com/2010/10/apps-for-children-with-special-needs.html>

Apps for children with special needs.

* Provides a list of 5 apps, may be young for secondary school students. Includes parent reviews.

<http://a4cwsn.com/>

Apps for children with special needs.

<http://www.childrenwithspecialneeds.com/>

Children with special needs.

* A website run by parents. Main menu has section called, Special needs apps with links to

many apps. May be more appropriate for elementary school age students.

<http://mobilelearning4specialneeds.wikispaces.com/App+Lists>

* List of apps in many different areas.