



Assistive Technology Support Consortium

Assistive Technology (AT) is designed to help school districts meet the unique needs of students with disabilities, age Birth–21, who can realize educational benefits from using assistive technology devices and/or services. Assistive technology tools and strategies may be used to augment the services presently being provided to students identified with needs in the areas of OT/PT, Autism, Vision, DHH, O&M, OHI, LD, and EBD. Assistive technology tools and strategies may also be implemented as a component of a school's Rtl system. Assistive technology devices include computer hardware, software, and peripherals for computer access, augmentative communication systems, environmental controls, visual aids, and equipment for positioning, mobility and self care.

In an effort to provide our school districts with an effective Assistive Technology system, CESA 6 has created an Assistive Technology Support Consortium. The cost for a district to join the consortium is \$2500 per year.

Districts that join the Consortium will receive the following services/benefits:

- A District-wide Assistive Technology Assessment provided by CESA 6 Assistive Technology Team;
- Membership in the CESA 6 AT Network (every other month network sessions to enhance district's knowledge, skills, and abilities in the area of AT);
- Access to AT support via telephone and email
- Access to virtual AT modules focused on best practices via CESA 6's EduVision system;
- Access to the CESA 6 Media Center AT Center
 - Consortium districts and parents from these districts will be able to access, examine, experiment with and analyze AT equipment; and
 - Consortium districts will have the opportunity to participate in CESA 6 AT group purchases.

Consortium Districts will also receive the following benefits in the form of reduced rates:

- Student specific AT Evaluation (for IEP process) and follow-up by CESA 6 AT personnel in the district - 10% reduction in the cost;
- Direct AT Services based on a student's IEP – 10% reduction in the cost;
- District participation in CESA 6 AT Workshops focused on Identification and use of both proven and new AT services, equipment, and strategies – 20% reduction in the per person cost; and
- In-District AT professional development – 10% reduction in the cost.

Non-Consortium Members will be able to purchase (at full cost) and participate in any of these individual AT services.

- District-wide Assistive Technology Assessment (\$1600);
- Membership in the CESA 6 AT Network (\$1000);
- Access to virtual AT modules focused on best practices (\$500);
- Access by a district (staff and parents) to the AT Center of the CESA 6 Media Center, including the opportunity to access, examine, experiment with, and analyze AT equipment; and participate in CESA 6 AT group purchases (district membership in the CMC or \$300 for AT access only);
- Student specific AT Evaluation (for IEP process) and follow-up by CESA 6 AT personnel in the district (Time and Effort; approximately \$38 per Unit of Service);
- Direct AT Services based on a student's IEP (Time and Effort; approximately \$38 per Unit of Service);
- District participation in CESA 6 AT Workshops focused on Identification and use of both proven and new AT services, equipment, and strategies (per person cost of \$150 - \$175 per workshop); and
- In-District AT professional development (daily cost of \$800 per presenter).

