



# Assistive Technology Ideas that Work

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**IDEA Title: Mini Child Study Team within a 9<sup>th</sup> grade house**

**What we did:**

**Created a team of teachers who focused on improving educational services and successes for students. Utilizing the limited budgets and resources we had on hand, we listed all the available AT equipment and devices that would help our “LD”, “Mild CI” students in regular ed. The development of the list created a “thinking” of in depth investigating of how to also improve our presentations/instructional practices in the classroom.**

**What it accomplished:**

**My classroom was transformed to a resource lab with all students requesting help. After school study sessions were begun for all students to utilize “Teacher Services”. Our assistive technology began as utilizing a computer system to its fullest. Amplified microphones were used daily. Differentiated learning was put into practice. Social acceptance by teacher and students of using CD-ROM’s for textbook reading were being requested by students and parents.**

**Comments or Suggestions:**

**The idea here is “communication and dialogue: with fellow staff to improve educational performance. When staff began to collaborate with each other all students were viewed as individuals who’s success was of primary importance. Start with meetings that focus on students’ strengths and most desired learning styles or preference. Then look at deficits. Answer the question of how to improve student’s performance through his/her desired modality.**

**Attachments:**

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