

# TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

## Distance Learning

- [Access E-Learning](http://www.accesslearning.net/) is a ten-module tutorial that is a resource for those seeking to make their distance education accessible for individuals with disabilities. AEL offers information on the most common needs in distance education, and provides instruction in techniques that will enhance the usability of online materials for all students. <http://www.accesslearning.net/>
- [Accessible Education-based Information Technology](http://www.accessibleit.org/) offers answers to frequently asked questions on distance learning accessibility for individuals and businesses. The web pages, hosted by the Rocky Mountain ADA/IT Center, also provide links for IT training, software tools, and related publications on accessibility. <http://www.accessibleit.org/>

## Available Technology

- **Online resources for learning about accessible information technology**  
<http://www.washington.edu/accessit/articles?191>
- **Start to Finish Books** – [www.donjohnston.com](http://www.donjohnston.com),
- **Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic** – [www.rfbd.org](http://www.rfbd.org)
- **Accessible Online Library** – [www.bookshare.org](http://www.bookshare.org)
- **Audio Book Downloads** – [www.telltaleweekly.com](http://www.telltaleweekly.com)
- **Intellitools Suite:** <http://www.intellitools.com/>
- **CAST eReader:** <http://www.cast.org/udl/index.cfm?i=211>
- **Don Johnston:** <http://www.donjohnston.com>
- **Unifix Math manipulatives:** <http://www.didax.com/unifix/>
- **Technology Tips for Differentiated Instruction** - focused on technologies most schools already have & for use in professional development of technology - for general and special educators, and staff. [http://rtecexchange.edgateway.net/cs/rtec/view/rtec\\_str/11](http://rtecexchange.edgateway.net/cs/rtec/view/rtec_str/11)

## Available Services

- [Speech-to-Speech](http://www.speechtospeech.org/) provides information on its free communication assistant services for people with speech disabilities to help them communicate. <http://www.speechtospeech.org/>
- [Measurements of Technology Use in the Classroom](http://www.lotilounge.com) – The Levels of Technology Implementation tools. [www.lotilounge.com](http://www.lotilounge.com)
- [Consortium of School Networking \(CoSN\) – Value of Investment \(VOI\)](http://www.edtechvoi.org/) provides a methodology and tools for K-12 school leaders, allowing them to better articulate the costs and benefits of proposed technology projects. <http://www.edtechvoi.org/>

- The Center for Digital Education and Xerox are pleased to present a complete guide to digital documents and the effect of color images on student learning. Documenting the Future presents a new way to look at documents in the 21st century, and examines document management, cost reduction and the impact of color on learning. Digital documents provide teachers and administrators options never before possible for teaching and communicating with students, parents and stakeholders in the community. This broader view will help schools get the right information where it's needed when it's needed faster, cheaper and more effectively. [download](http://www.centerdigitaled.com/fileReg.php?pub_id=73) the guide. [http://www.centerdigitaled.com/fileReg.php?pub\\_id=73](http://www.centerdigitaled.com/fileReg.php?pub_id=73)

## More Information

- **National Center for Technology Innovation** - NCTI advances learning opportunities for all students by fostering technology innovation. <http://www.nationaltechcenter.org/>
- **Accessibility in Microsoft products** - Make your computer easier and more comfortable to use by taking advantage of the many accessibility features built into Microsoft products. <http://www.microsoft.com/enable/>
- **National Center on Accessible Information Technology in Education** - AccessIT promotes the use of electronic and information technology (E&IT) for students and employees with disabilities in educational institutions at all academic levels. <http://www.washington.edu/accessit/index.php>
- **NCREL enGauge** - a Framework for Effective Technology Use in Schools <http://www.ncrel.org/engage/>
- **Information and Communication Technologies for Development; Supporting People with Disabilities** – resources from the United Kingdom on how information technology can help all people, regardless of the disabilities that they have, to gain access to relevant information and to communicate more effectively. <http://www.gg.rhul.ac.uk/ict4d/Disability.html>

## Resources for Families

- **Family Center on Technology and Disability (FCTD)** [www.fctd.info](http://www.fctd.info)

## Assistive Technology Resources

- **An IT Guide to AT** - <http://www.infotech.com/ITA/Research%20Centers/Desktop%20Systems/Assistive%20Technologies/An%20IT%20Guide%20to%20Assistive%20Technology.aspx>
- **The CARTWheel Directory** - [www.njpanda.org](http://www.njpanda.org) and click on PUBLICATIONS

- **Best AT practices in school districts and the ways in which they can be implemented --** <http://www.fctd.info/resources/newsletters/index.php>
- **National Center To Improve Practice (NCIP)** created a national community composed of technology coordinators, staff developers, teachers, specialists, clinicians, administrators, university faculty, advocates, and consumers, who play a leading role in promoting and implementing assistive and instructional technologies for students with disabilities at local, regional, and national levels. The Web site lists free resources. <http://www2.edc.org/NCIP/>