

OnLine Tutorials and Step Sheets for Assistive Technology Tools

Montgomery Schools, Maryland

http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/hiat/tech_quick_guides/

This site from the Montgomery County Schools in Maryland hold step by step guides (Printable Quick Guides are in PDF format) and tutorials for software programs including the following:

AlphaSmarts	Microsoft Word
Bookshare.org (videos available)	PowerPoint
Clicker 5 (videos available)	Podcasting
Inspiration (videos available)	Promethean ActivSoftware
Keyboarding	SOLO (Co:Writer)
Kidspiration	Type to Learn
Kurzweil (videos available)	

Fairfax County Schools, Virginia

<http://www.fcps.edu/ss/its/howtos/index.htm>

Curriculum Resources from the Fairfax County Public Schools in Virginia provides a alphabetical listing of software which are links to specific software. Although the Boardmaker link does not work, you can acquire assistance for Co:Writer, digital cameras, Edmark Reading, Inspiration, PowerPoint, social stories, and Internet sites for students with low-incidence disabilities.

SET-BC British Columbia

<http://www.setbc.org/lcindexer/default.aspx>

SET BC (Special Education Technology Technology-British Columbia provides the Learning Center, a huge collection of resources including step sheets, research, videos in all areas of assistive technology. Featured categories include

Access	Curriculum
Autism	Vision
Communication	Archives

Kenosha Unified School District, Illinois

http://www.kusd.edu/departments/assistive_technology/cheatsheets.html

The Assistive Technology link from the Kenosha Schools web site includes cheat sheets, handouts, and manuals for communication devices including, Cat PCII, iPod Touch, and the Vantage. Software information includes:

Boardmaker	Mac OSX
Classroom Suite	PowerPoint
Clicker	Switches and Single Switch Voice Output
Co:Writer	Write:Outloud

University of Buffalo, New York

<http://atto.buffalo.edu/registered/Tutorials/msword/index.php>

There are many powerful features available in Microsoft Word to make it easier to learn for students with disabilities. The tutorials on this site provides ways to create accessible materials in the classroom. View the MS Classroom Corner at the bottom of the page.

Apple Universal Access

<http://www.apple.com/accessibility/macosex/physical.html>

Includes information on built-in and assistive technologies for the Macintosh that can help you navigate your computer even if you have difficulties using the keyboard, mouse, and trackpad.

<http://www.apple.com/accessibility/macosex/hearing.html>

This site describes a variety of features that can make using the Mac easier for the deaf and hard-of-hearing.

<http://www.apple.com/accessibility/macosex/vision.html>

Mac OS X comes with a variety of assistive technologies to help those with vision disabilities, including a built-in screen reader, screen and cursor magnification, high-contrast settings, and more.

<http://www.apple.com/accessibility/macosex/literacylearning.html>

Users with cognitive and learning disabilities can benefit from many built-in features in Mac OS X for literacy and learning, including ways to simplify the Finder, provide integrated information reference tools, assist with spelling and grammar, and much more.

Linda Burkhart Mouse House

<http://www.lburkhart.com/mhouse.htm>

Charlie experiences physical challenges that prevent him from being able to control the mouse on the computer. Instead, Charlie presses on his "Mouse House" to activate and control special software. The computer mouse is inside this small photo album and pressing on the cover clicks the mouse button.

Project Participate: Strategies for Active Inclusion

<http://projectparticipate.org/high-tech.asp>

Includes suggestions for single switch solutions for secondary students, writing for all subjects with Intellikeys, common sense for setting up augmentative communication devices, and suggestions for inexpensive alternatives to higher priced communication devices.