



Looking to get your loved one with a disability something simple to help them ease into the school year? We've compiled a list from assistive technology resources across the web to help in your search.

### Writing assistive technology

- [Speech to text programs](#): Programs on many different devices help children who struggle with writing by transforming speech into text.
- [Note-taking tools](#): Tools that record notes or help with writing and transferring notes to a computer program.
- [Pencil weights](#): A weighted wrap for a pencil helps those with coordination difficulties and sensory needs write.
- [Notebooks with colored lines](#): Brighter lines help writers stay in between the lines when writing.
- [Slant board](#): An angled surface on which to write, which helps with wrist positioning and makes writing easier.
- [Hand weights](#): An occupational therapy weighted sensory tool.
- [Writing aid](#): An ergonomic tool for writing without gripping.
- [Writing glove](#): A weighted glove to allow flexibility and pressure while writing.
- [Colored keyboard](#): A keyboard with large, colorful keys to help those with vision difficulties or motor disorders.
- [Lefty pencil grips](#): Allow for easier writing and sensory input on the left hand.

### Reading assistive technology

- Literacy software: Certain softwares help read text aloud, such as [read&write](#).
- [Visual dictionaries](#): Online visual dictionaries present the meanings of words in images for people who may need help with comprehension.
- [Reader pens](#): People who have a vision or reading difficulty can utilize a pen that translates text to speech.
- [See-N-Read](#): This reading tool helps readers focus on one line at a time.



- [Reading guides](#): Reading guides highlight lines of text to make tracking easier.
- [Magnifying bar](#): This bar makes text underneath it larger and easier to read.
- [English talking dictionary](#): This dictionary reads definitions of words aloud.
- [Reading comprehension cubes](#): Cubes with questions on them that can facilitate discussion and strengthen reading comprehension skills.
- [Story retell fun deck](#): Cards that provide images and help children retell and comprehend stories.

### Communication and daily life assistive technology

- [Speech tablets](#): Communication devices for people who have trouble speaking.
- [Social stories](#): This book of social stories helps children comprehend life events and daily activities through visual stories.
- [Visual schedules](#): Visual scheduling charts help students to visualize their daily tasks, classes, and work.
- Graphic organizers: Software programs that assist with organizing, such as [Mindomo](#) products, help children with learning disabilities and planning issues.
- [Self calming cards](#): These cards help students learn and recall helpful self-calming techniques.
- [Answer buzzers](#): Fun and bright buttons can make classroom communication more exciting.
- [Visual timer](#): A time tracker that offers light and sound cues.
- [Social scenes](#): Images that help explain social situations and communication.
- [Organization station pocket chart](#): A chart to help students stay organized with daily tasks and classroom activities.

### Sensory

- [Weight lap pad](#): A gel pad that gives students deep pressure input and helps them to stabilize while sitting.
- [Noise reduction headset](#): These help individuals with hearing sensitivities learn and focus.



- [Foot roller](#): This device helps students in need of sensory stimulation to fidget while learning.
- [Vibrating sensory cushion](#): This cushion offers self-regulated sensory stimulation and comfort.
- [Tactile fidgets](#): Small tactile fidgets can be a great addition to a student's desk to help them stimulate their senses between tasks.
- [Sensory kits](#): Various sensory kits can provide sensory stimulation or relief to students with sensory processing issues.

Do you have other tools that helped your child with a disability at school? Comment below to add to our list!

### Related Resources

- [Assistive and Adaptive Technologies](#)
- [Special Education and Individualized Education Plans \(IEPs\)](#)
- [Tips for Helping Children with Sensory Processing Issues get Dressed](#)
- [Halloween Costumes for Kids with Disabilities](#)