

West Central Ohio Assistive Technology Center

State Support Team Region 6
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May 4, 2018

Ken Schmiesing
Celina City Schools
585 E Livingston Street
Celina OH 45822

Dear Mr. Schmiesing,

Enclosed is a contract to continue your membership in the West Central Ohio Assistive Technology Center (ATC) Consortium. This contract must be signed by you and your treasurer and returned to us by July 1, 2018. An invoice has been sent to your treasurer with a copy of this letter.

Also enclosed is a list of the Assistive Technology Steering and Selection Committee members and a brochure giving you an overview of how the Consortium works.

During the 2017-2018 school year 30 districts participated, which provided the Assistive Technology Center with \$27,000. The ATC Committee appreciates your commitment to this project and looks forward to continued funding from your district. The mission of this project is to provide assistive devices to students in the participating districts who need alternative means to communicate in the classroom, home and community, and have been unable to obtain funding from other sources.

If you have any questions regarding the Assistive Technology Center, please do not hesitate to contact me at 1-800-686-2945.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Rees
Director

Enclosures

Cc: Tom Sommer, Treasurer

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY CONTRACT

In accordance with Sections 3313.842 and 3375.14 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Auglaize County Educational Service Center agrees to act as Fiscal Agent for the West Central Ohio Assistive Technology Center (housed at State Support Team Region 6).

The Auglaize County Educational Service Center agrees to:

- 1. Provide Administrative Services through the West Central Ohio Assistive Technology Center, including Supervision and Fiscal Management.
- 2. Will operate the ATC in accordance with policies and procedures adopted by the participating school districts.
- 3. Will establish an Advisory Council with representatives from the Region.

The Participating School Districts will provide the following:

- 1. A signed one-year commitment to participate commencing July 1, 2018. The commitment will be reviewed and evaluated annually.
- 2. The cost will be \$900 per district (currently participating) for the 2018-2019 school year, with initial buy-in of \$1,600 plus penalty per district not participating from the inception of the program, due July 1, 2018, commencing July 1, 2018.
- 3. Each district will approve the slate of committee members as submitted herein.

Allen County	Kim Nellis
Auglaize County	Kelly Schattschneider
Champaign County	Julie Hartsel
Hardin County	Sarah Klien
Logan County	Mary Lou Lange
Mercer County	Sue Bruns/Betsy Crites
Shelby County	Tammy Drerup
SST6 Staff	

The Assistive Technology Library will provide extended loan of assistive technology equipment for individual student utilization.

By signing this contract, the local district agrees that the person(s) implementing/ installing the equipment is an employee of your agency and is qualified to use assistive technology or agrees to be trained in the use of the equipment. If equipment is damaged, lost, or stolen, items will be replaced or repaired at the expense of the local education agency.

PLEASE NOTE: There are no guarantees of funding.

Entered into this ____ day of _____, 2018.

Superintendent, Auglaize County

Treasurer, Auglaize County

Superintendent, Participating District

Treasurer/Fiscal Officer, Participating District

Participating District

Director, State Support Team Region 6

2018-2019
ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY STEERING COMMITTEE

ALLEN COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE	KIM NELLIS	kim.nellis@staff.allencountyesc.org
AUGLAIZE COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE	KELLY SCHATTSCHNEIDER	kschattschneider@auglaizeesc.org
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE	JULIE HARTSEL	jhartsel@wltigers.org
HARDIN COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE	SARAH KLEIN	sklein@anna.k12.oh.us
LOGAN COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES	MARY LOU LANGE	langem@indianlake.k12.oh.us
MERCER COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE	SUE BRUNS	brunss@marionlocal.org
SHELBY COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE	TAMARA DRERUP	tamara.drerup@sidneycityschools.org
FISCAL AGENT, AUGLAIZE COUNTY SUPT.	SHAWN BROWN	sbrown@auglaizeesc.org
OCALI	HEATHER BRIDGMAN	heather_bridgman@ocali.org
PARENT	JENNIFER SLECHTER	Jennifer.slechter@staff.allencountyesc.org
TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR	ERIC BRENNER	ebrenner@auglaizeesc.org
AUGLAIZE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT	BECKY EGBERT	begbert@auglaizehealth.org
ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY CONSULTANT	CARYN TIMMERMAN	ctimmerman@sst6.org
SST6, DIRECTOR	BECKY REES	brees@sst6.org
SST6, CONSULTANT	CARYN TIMMERMAN	ctimmerman@sst6.org
SST6 REPRESENTATIVE	KAREN VICROY	kvicroy@sst6.org

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY SELECTION COMMITTEE

VOTING MEMBERS

ALLEN COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE	KIM NELLIS
AUGLAIZE COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE	KELLY SCHATTSCHNEIDER
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE	JULIE HARTSEL
HARDIN COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE	SARAH KLEIN
LOGAN COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE	MARY LOU LANGE
MERCER COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE	SUE BRUNS
SHELBY COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE	TAMARA DRERUP

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

PARENT	JENNIFER SLECHTER
SST6 REPRESENTATION/AT CONSULTANT	CARYN TIMMERMAN
AUGLAIZE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT	BECKY EGBERT
OCALI REPRESENTATIVE	HEATHER BRIDGMAN
TECHNOLOGY REPRESENTATIVE	ERIC BRENNER
SST6 REPRESENTATIVE	BECKY REES
SST6 REPRESENTATIVE	KAREN VICROY
FISCAL AGENT, AUGLAIZE COUNTY	SHAWN BROWN

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Overview of the ATC Program

The West Central Ohio Assistive Technology Center (ATC) is a collaborative effort between school districts in Allen, Auglaize, Champaign, Hardin, Logan, Mercer, and Shelby counties and the West Central Ohio Special Education Advisory Board of the State Support Team Region 6 and the Auglaize County ESC Governing Board. The program provides assistive technology equipment to students with disabilities who require specialized adaptations and equipment to achieve their educational potential. This assistive technology must facilitate the student's achievement in processes of reading, writing, listening, or speaking.

Participating school districts support this program by paying an annual fee. Through an assessment and application process, these school districts may apply for specific assistive technology identified for a student with disabilities.

Since the beginning of the ATC program in 1992, over \$601,783.00 has been spent to acquire assistive technology devices for 244 students. The receiving school district is responsible for implementation and maintenance of equipment in the student's educational program.

IDEA-97 mandates that an IEP team must "consider whether a child requires assistive technology devices and services" in order to achieve IEP goals. Assistive technology that is determined necessary for the student to benefit from his/her special education must be documented in the IEP.

Eligibility

A student must:

- * be a resident in an ATC participating school district;
- * be identified by a multifaceted evaluation as having a disability and receives special education services;
- * be identified as needing assistive technology to achieve IEP goals or 504 Plan for reading, writing, listening, or speaking.

Eligible Equipment

Equipment acquired through the ATC is defined as personal equipment used to assist a student in alternative input/output communication modes. This would include, but is not limited to:

- * Personal computers;
- * Augmentative /Alternative Communication devices to include dedicated devices & tablet based communication apps for needed tablet
- * Personal Auditory FM equipment;
- * Personal Visual Enhancement equipment;
- * Equipment or software necessary for access or adaptation.

Ineligible Equipment

Items that are NOT included as part of the ATC program are:

- * School/Classroom Access equipment (ie., stairlifts, wheelchairs, elevators, etc.)
- * Equipment needed for physical or therapeutic maintenance (ie., standers, feeding devices, etc.)
- * Prescriptive sensory equipment (ie., hearing aids, glasses, etc.)

Structure of the ATC

- * Auglaize County ESC Governing Board
- * ATC Steering Committee: Establishes policies
- * ATC Selection Committee: Reviews school district applications Approves/rejects application requests

Equipment Acquisition Process

- * Application request made by district ATC contact person.
- * Educational team completes application and assessment form.
- * Needed equipment is identified, including costs and vendors.
- * Team explores other funding options.
- * Application submitted to the West Central Ohio Assistive Technology Center
- * Team makes presentation to the Selection Committee.
- * ATC Selection Committee votes on application.
- * District Superintendent signs assurance form on approved applications.
- * ATC orders equipment.
- * Equipment implemented with the student and documented in the IEP.

Personal equipment purchased for a student may be utilized in the school, home, and community as determined appropriate by the IEP team.

All equipment remains the property of the West Central Ohio Assistive Technology Center/Auglaize County Educational Service Center.

**West Central Ohio School Districts
Participating in the Assistive
Technology Center**

2017-2018

Ada Exempted Village Schools
Allen East Local Schools
Bath Local Schools
Benjamin Logan Local Schools
Bluffton Exempted Village Schools
Celina City Schools
Coldwater Exempted Village Schools
Delphos City Schools
Elida Local Schools
Fort Recovery Local Schools
Indian Lake Local Schools
Kenton City Schools
Lima City Schools
Marion Local Schools
Minster Local Schools
New Bremen Local Schools
New Knoxville Local Schools
Parkway Local Schools
Perry Local Schools
Riverdale Local Schools
Shawnee Local Schools
Sidney City Schools
Spencerville Local Schools
St. Henry Consolidated Local Schools
St. Marys City Schools
Triad Local Schools
Urbana City Schools
Wapakoneta City Schools
Waynesfield-Goshen Local Schools
West Liberty-Salem Local Schools

**ATC Deadline Dates
for Submitting Applications
2018-19:**

**October 12, 2018
January 18, 2019
April 5, 2019**

**ATC Meeting Dates
2017-18:**

**October 31, 2018
February 5, 2019
(snow date February 7)
April 25, 2019**

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