

# WISD Assistive Tech Triannual

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## Announcements:

### Welcome Back!

We are already a month into the new school year, and things are looking quite different than they did a year ago. Each district within Washtenaw County is approaching learning differently in the wake of the pandemic in order to meet the needs of their students, families, and staff. Some districts have decided to remain remote for the entirety of 2020-21 academic year, others have begun in-person instruction with proper precautions in place, and some have begun the year remotely with the intent to have in-person instruction later in the year or a combination of in-person and remote learning.

The ATAC Lab is “open” and is loaning out equipment to all WISD and local-district patrons. While the lab staff is not in the lab regularly, they are available by email during lab hours and available for pick-up/drop-off appointments of equipment and tests on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. See “Reminders” for details on the new lab protocols.

## Reminders:

### New Protocols for Checking Out and Returning Equipment During Building Closures

Though the ATAC lab staff is not physically in the lab, they are available via email during lab hours (T, TH, F, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm). Equipment and tests are available for checkout through the [WISD Online Catalog](#). Once you request an item, you will receive an email directing you to schedule an appointment to pick up the item outside the TLC. (If your school is offering in-person instruction, you can request items be van delivered to your district.)

Patrons must initiate the ATAC Lab Checkout Agreement form for any equipment that will be used by students at home. There is an [electronic version](#) of the form, or you can fill out a [PDF](#) to have signed and emailed to [library@washtenawisd.org](mailto:library@washtenawisd.org). You can find instructions for completing this form [here](#). We ask that you initiate this form even if the equipment is already at a student’s home.

If you have any equipment or tests that are no longer needed, please make a drop-off appointment as soon as possible. We want to make sure all items are available for patrons who need them. If your district has in-person instruction, you can send the equipment back via our van service. Check with your district’s main office for details. If you’d like to renew any equipment or tests you have, please email [library@washtenawisd.org](mailto:library@washtenawisd.org) with your request.

In addition, if you have iPads or other equipment that needs to be disinfected (recommended before and after use), please refer to our [disinfecting equipment instructions](#).

You can find the complete information for each new ATAC Lab protocols [here](#).

# Resource Highlight:

## Pearson and WPS Tele-Practice

Though ATAC Lab tests are available for checkout, some tests may need to be adapted for or may not be able to be administered via tele-practice. To find out more information about tests you are considering administering through video meetings, Pearson Clinical and WPS have created websites devoted to information regarding testing via tele-practice.

- [Pearson Clinical Tele-Practice Resources](#)
- [WPS Tele-Practice Resources](#)

For in-person assessments, please make sure you disinfect all testing materials received from the ATAC Lab (or elsewhere) **before and after each assessment**. For more information, visit Pearson's [Disinfecting Testing Materials](#) guide.

# New Equipment:

## New AAC Devices and Switches Added to the Collection

The following is a list of recently purchased AAC equipment, which is now available for checkout from the ATAC Lab:

- [Talking Brix 2](#)
- [SuperTalker FT](#)
- [QuickTalker \(7, 12, 23\)](#)
- [iTalk 4](#)
- [Micro Light Switch](#)
- [Mini Beamer Transmitter and Receiver](#)
- [Mini Cup Switch](#)

# The Happenings:

## Troubleshooting Instructional Tech Office Hours

If you are having trouble with any of your instructional technology or have any questions about it, you can pop into the Zoom Troubleshooting Instructional Equipment office hours with Jamie Mayo and Clark Rodeffer. These hours are held every Friday afternoon at 1:00 pm via Zoom. No need to make an appointment. Just email [library@washtenawisd.org](mailto:library@washtenawisd.org) for the Zoom information.

# Contact Info:

The ATAC Lab is located in the WISD's Teaching and Learning Center. Staff is available by email Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm, and appointments can be made to pick up or drop off equipment/tests Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

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