WATI Assistive Technology Decision Making Guide

Consideration of a Tablet device (iPad, iPad mini, iPod Touch, iPhone, Android...)_

Problem Identification

Student's Abilities/ Difficulties	Environmental Considerations	Tasks
What are the student's abilities & difficulties related to the use of a mobile device? Cognitive Skills Communication mode(s) & Skills Access and physical considerations Literacy Skills Visual Considerations Hearing acuity Need for portability	What environmental considerations impact the student's use of a mobile device? Technical support at home, school, work wifi availability or 3G Updating & installation of Apps Durability & protection Other challenges/concerns	What task(s) do you want the student to do that would require the use of a mobile device? Communication Functions Time on Task Organization Reading E-Books OCR & reading standard test Functional Skills (money, grocery lists) Writing & note-taking Executive Functions Recreation Location services Visual Supports Data/Document transfer Camera, Video Supports
Sensory Considerations		Narrowing the Focus
What sensory challenges does the student have that impacts use of a mobile device? (i.e., visual, auditory, tactile)		Specific task(s) identified for solution generation
Solution Generation Tools & Strategies	Solution Selection Tools & Strategies	Implementation Plan
Brainstorming Only No Decision	Use a Feature Match Process to Discuss & Select Idea(s) from Solution Generation	AT Trials/Services Needed: Date Length Identification of Apps Curricular &/or Functional Objectives Data collection Person(s) Responsible Follow-Up Plan
		Who & When Set specific date

Important: It is intended that you use this as a guide. Each category should be written in large print where everyone can see them, i.e. on a flip chart or board. Information should then be transferred to paper for distribution, file, and future reference.