

1 **Board Policies**

Blair-Taylor School District

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INSTRUCTION
INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES AND SERVICES
TECHNOLOGY CONCERNS FOR STUDENTS WITH
DISABILITIES

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10 **Policy Statement**

- 11 A. The School District of Blair-Taylor shall provide special education and related
- 12 services designed to meet the unique needs of each student with a disability,
- 13 based on his/her individualized education program (IEP), as required by IDEA
- 14 (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act).
- 15 B. The term "related services" means corrective and other supportive services as
- 16 required for the student with a disability to benefit from special education.
- 17 "Assistive technology devices would be a piece of equipment, or product system,
- 18 whether acquired commercially off the shelf, modified, or customized, that is
- 19 used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of students with
- 20 disabilities. "Assistive technology service" means any service that directly assists
- 21 a student with a disability in the selection, acquisition or use of an assistive
- 22 technology device. The term includes:
 - 23 1. Evaluation of needs of a student with a disability, including a functional
 - 24 evaluation of the child's customary environment;
 - 25 2. Purchasing, leasing, or otherwise providing for the acquisition of
 - 26 assistive technology devices by students with disabilities;
 - 27 3. Coordinating and using other therapies, interventions, or services with
 - 28 assistive technology devices, such as those associated with existing
 - 29 education and rehabilitation plans and programs;
 - 30 4. Training or technical assistance for a child with a disability or, if
 - 31 appropriate, that child's family; and
 - 32 5. Training or technical assistance for professionals, employers, or others
 - 33 who provide services to, employ, or are otherwise substantially
 - 34 involved in the major life functions of students with disabilities.
- 35 C. Those students having special needs but not requiring a formal IEP as outlined
- 36 by IDEA, which may include but are not limited to migrant students, homeless
- 37 students, students living with poverty; and English Language Learners, will also
- 38 be considered for assistive technology devices, and/or services.

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43 **Policy Procedure**

- 44 A. A student's need for assistive technology shall be determined on a case-by-case
- 45 basis. If the IEP team determines that a particular assistive technology item is
- 46 required for the student to be provided a favorable benefit from his/her education
- 47 program, the technology must be provided to implement the IEP.
- 48 B. Assistive technology may be provided as special education, related services, or
- 49 supplemental aids and services for students with disabilities who are educated in
- 50 regular classes.
- 51 C. The District is responsible for evaluation in areas in which assistive technology
- 52 may be a factor. Determination of need for assistive technology will be
- 53 determined by the following criteria:
 - 54 1. Identification of difficulty the student is experiencing and discussion of
 - 55 possible causes for the difficulty. This includes a review of existing
 - 56 information and data. During this review the IEP Team decides other

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- information necessary to make an informed decision about the need for assistive technology.
2. Team members gather baseline data if existing data does not provide all needed information.
 3. The team reviews the problem that is now clearly identified, generates possible solutions, and develops a trial plan of possible solutions.
 4. During a specified time frame, the trials are completed and data is collected.
 5. The team analyzes new data and makes decisions about the longer-term use or permanent acquisition of one or more assistive technology tools.
 6. If specific assistive technology is identified as being needed, it is written in the student's IEP.
- D. Those Students with special needs but who do not receive a formal IEP according to IDEA, which may include but are not limited to migrant students, homeless students, students living with poverty, and English Language Learners, will also be considered for assistive technology devices and/or services on a case-by-case basis to be determined by the following criteria:
1. Identification of difficulty the student is experiencing and discussion of possible causes for the difficulty by individuals or a team comprised of classroom or special education teacher, guidance counselor, librarian, district technology coordinator, and/or building principal. This includes a review of existing information and data. During this review a team decides other information necessary to make an informed decision about the necessity for assistive technology.
 2. Team members gather baseline data if existing data does not provide all needed information.
 3. The team reviews the problem that is now clearly identified, generates possible solutions, and develops a trial plan of possible solutions.
 4. During a specified time frame, the trials are completed and data is collected.
 5. The team analyzes new data and makes decisions about the longer term use or permanent acquisition of one or more assistive technology tools
 6. If specific assistive technology is identified as being needed, a request is made of the district technology coordinator for consideration and procurement.
- E. Any assistive technology device if purchased solely by the Blair-Taylor School District is the property of the district and shall remain the property of the district after the student leaves or no longer requires the equipment.

LEGAL REFERENCE: 121.02 Wis Stats.

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