Assistive Device	Cost and Manufacturer Information	Brief Description	Our Impressions
Devices			
SMART Board	For cost, contact your local Smarttech reseller. http://smarttech.com/us For SMART Notebook lesson plans: http://exchange.smarttech.com/#tab=0	The widescreen SMART interactive whiteboard system (table) enables two users to instantly and easily work on its surface at the same time using their fingers or a pen. The integrated system combines an interactive whiteboard with an ultra-short-throw projector that eliminates shadows and glare, a multiuser Pen Tray and a control panel that enables teachers to manage all classroom technology from the front of the classroom. Search and preview thousands of Notebook lessons.	Any program that you can run on a computer, you can run on a SMART Board. You can write on it with anything – even a tennis ball. Timers can count up or down.
Livescribe	2 GB Pulse Smartpen **$99.95** Livescribe, Inc http://www.livescribe.com/en-us/	Livescribe Pulse Smartpen records what you hear and write. Headset enables distance recording, microphone records clear sound, infrared camera captures everything you write and draw on dot paper. (Dot paper can be copied) Transfer notes and audio to computer using a standard cable connection.	For children with auditory processing problems, this could allow them to write down what they think they hear and then listen to the recording later to see if they were correct.

Irlen Glasses	• 10 overlays **$37.50**
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	    (w/book, *Reading by the Colors*) **$48.50**
	• Glasses **$100-$192**
	    Only Irlen Diagnosticians can determine the Irlen Spectral Filter which allows your brain to function properly.
	Perceptual Development Corp/Helen Irlen.
	
	http://irlen.com/index.php
		The Irlen Method provides a unique service for some children and adults identified with reading and learning difficulties, low motivation, attention deficit disorder, or discipline problems. Even good readers and gifted students can be helped.	Children who get headaches and migraines while reading might be helped by these glasses.
			
			The overlays can be used to determine which color works for a student, and worksheets can be photocopied on that color.

Striped Glasses	There is a local producer of these (Mpls.)	These dark glasses have a clear strip right at eye level when one is reading, so that as someone reads they see only that line of the page.	For the child for whom the words on a page bounce up and down or who cannot scan straight across a line of print, these might really work.
Instructional Strategies			
Virtual Classroom	Created by Ben Peine in Inver Grove Heights District.	"Call of Academics" interactive computer game where students create an avatar and using embedded academic standards, gain 'experience points' or 'epps' by creating video, music, or other various instructional items to show they have learned a particular lesson in any number of academic areas. Feedback is immediate.	

Writing and Reading Software			
NewNovelist	**$49.99** (5th/6th Grade and up) Creativity Software http://www.newnovelist.com/NN3/	Select the template that best fits your novel idea and NewNovelist will automatically create the structure of your novel for you. The structure also contains detailed writing advice at every stage of your novel, is completely flexible and can be changed at any time.	Can view stories broken down by chapter. This program is also good for reports and papers. It can determine what grade level a student is writing at. Great resource for kids 4th grade and up. A lot of auditory supplements for kids who are auditory learners. Includes visual aspect, interactive tabs, and personalization. Additionally, it has a thesaurus, dictionary, word finder, and read-aloud program.
Story Wizard	**$54.99** (Ages 9-16) Creativity Software http://www.storywizard.co.uk/	Story templates provide general structure and guidance. A place name database covers the whole world, and there is a function that reads back aloud what has been written on the screen.	Good for reports, papers, as well as stories. This software is fun and inviting with lots of sounds and colors. Students fill in various sections with character, setting and plot ideas. Kids will probably need to be told ahead of time that the software will not write the story for them.

Timeliner XE	**$99.00** (All Grades) Scholastic/Tom Snyder Production http://www.tomsnyder.com/timelinerxe/	Visually organize information on a timeline, sequence, or cycle. Allows student to organize data—from historical events, to scientific processes, to story arcs—to see the connections and transform information into knowledge.	Goal setting – can break down into steps. (Project manage) This is very fun software. It offers students many design ideas, a library of clip-art, and safe research links.
Dramatica Writer's DreamKit	**$53.95** Write Brothers, Inc. http://www.screenplay.com/p-34-writers-dream-kit.aspx	Create a story concept and develop into a detailed sequential story. Story structure tool keeps track of the relationships among characters, plot, and theme. Dramatica's Story Engine is able to predict dramatic structure for your story based on creative decisions you make.	This is very advanced writers software. The detailed character development and story structure investigations would make teaching tools on their own. This would be good software for students really determined to write a novel or screenplay.
Inspiration/ Kidspiration	**$84.00** Inspiration Software, Inc. http://www.inspiration.com/	Inspiration: For visual mapping, outlining, writing and making presentations. Visually communicate concepts, take notes, organize information, and structure writing for plans, papers and reports. Kidspiration: Created for K-5 learners to develop thinking, literacy and numeracy skills. Strengthen word recognition, vocabulary, comprehension and written expression. Build reasoning and problem solving skills. Build graphic organizers including concept maps, webs, bubble diagrams and Venn diagrams.	Good tool for making connections, plans, even planning a talk without writing out everything to be said on notecards

Co:Writer	Don Johnson Incorporated http://www.donjohnston.com/products/cowriter/index.html	Co:Writer works in conjunction with any application you write in like MS Word, Online, Blogs, Email, etc. As you type, it interprets spelling and grammar mistakes and offers word suggestions in real time. Helpful for students who have illegible handwriting, very poor phonetic or inventive spelling, a physical disability that makes typing difficult, or difficulty translating thoughts into writing.	Is used at Capitol Hill with great success
Read:OutLoud	**$319.00** (1 computer) Don Johnson Incorporated http://www.donjohnston.com/products/read_outloud/	Provides access to the new electronic books required in IDEA, provides text-to-speech and study tools that help students read with comprehension. Helpful for students who: have Dyslexia which makes reading a challenge, are reading two or more levels below grade level, have a print disability that interferes with fluent reading, or that have trouble with comprehension.	The read aloud voice is very mechanical sounding
Write:OutLoud	**$107.00** (1 computer) (For Grades K-12) Don Johnson Incorporated http://www.donjohnston.com/products/write_outloud/index.html	Write:OutLoud reads words as they are written, providing real time auditory feedback. Writing tools include spell checker, homophone checker and dictionary to help students confirm their word choice. Helpful for students who: are reluctant to write, have moderate grammar and spelling challenges, and those who write better with auditory support.	

Webspiration (Classroom)	Individual Education Subscription 5 Month - $19.00 1 Year - $39.00 2 Year - $75.00 3 Year - $110.00 Webspiration Classroom 10 Accounts 1 Year - $110.00 2 Year - $210.00 3 Year - $310.00 Webspiration Classroom also has pricing for 30 Accounts and 40 Accounts. Inspiration Software, Inc. http://www.mywebspiration.com/	Designed for teachers and students in grades 5-12, Webspiration Classroom™ provides an online learning environment that helps students improve their writing and thinking skills. Brainstorm ideas, gather and organize information, build comprehension, and develop written essays, papers and reports. Educator and student resources, including lesson plan ideas and study tips, support curriculum integration, collaboration and student-teacher interaction – engaging students, extending learning time and increasing achievement across the curriculum.	
iPad apps			
Dragon Dictation	Free application for iPad, iPhone, iPod Nuance Communications http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/dragon-dictation/	An easy-to-use voice recognition app that allows you to quickly speak and instantly see your text or email messages (up to five times faster than typing on the keyboard).	Use as a recording device for class - turns voice into text.
Dragon Search	Free application for iPad, iPhone, iPod Nuance Communications http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/dragon-search/	Simply speak your search queries and get simultaneous results from a variety of top websites and content sources.	

IEP Checklist	Free application for iPad, iPhone, iPod Nurvee LLC http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/iep-checklist/	IEP Checklist is a tool for parents and teachers to consider as they develop the IEP. Not every item on the checklist is required by special education regulations.	
Reader	Free application for iPad, iPhone, iPod dBelement, LLC http://dbelement.com/apps/reader/	The eBook Reader app functions completely offline. Open Reader, sync with your account and launch books on your iPhone instantly. Features bookmarking, text-size manipulation, one touch page scrolling, and screen inversion for night time use.	
Social Skills			
First Then	**$9.99** Application for iPad, iPhone, iPod Good Karma Application, Inc. http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/first-then-visual-schedule/	For individuals with communication needs, developmental delays, Autism or those who benefit from a structured environment. It is a convenient audio-visual prompting tool that provides positive behavior support through the use of images that show daily events (i.e. morning routine or therapy schedule) or steps needed to complete a specific activity, (i.e. using the restroom).	

MDR Stories2Learn	**$13.99** Application for iPad, iPhone, iPod MDR http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/stories2learn/	Create personalized stories using photos, text, and audio messages. A parent or educator can create a story that shows various social cues. For example, if an individual is learning a new concept such as turn taking, making improved eye contact, or sharing, these concepts can be depicted in a story. Can also be used for visual schedules and more.	
MDR Social Skills	**$6.99** Application for iPad, iPhone, iPod MDR http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/social-skills/	Offers parents and educators the ability to interact with social narratives designed to help individuals improve their social ability. The stories contain instruction in the following areas: Joint Attention; Non-Verbal Communication; Greetings; Structured game play; Turn Taking; Classroom rules; and Imitation. Users can also modify the stories by adding different photos or text, as well as audio.	
Polling			
Polling Devices	Here is a link to how Wayzata Schools have implemented polling device technology: http://www.wayzata.k12.mn.us/wps/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1627:technology-in-action-21st-century-classroom&catid=157:technology&Itemid=1092&limitstart=3	Can ask kids formative evaluation questions and get instant answers from them showing you who knows and who is having issues without doing this more openly in a whole class	

Turning Technologies	24 infrared clickers (ResponseCard keypad) beginning at **$695.00** • Polling software is additional cost • Response receiver is additional cost **http://www.turningtechnologies.com/**	Turning Technologies' student response systems provide educators with the ability to actively engage students and easily assess student achievement – even the shy or non-participatory students. Simply ask a question and students respond using the easy-to-use ResponseCard keypads. It immediately displays results. Choose the student clicker that is right for your classroom environment and teaching style.	Research proves that student response can result in 15 point gains in student achievement.
SurveyMonkey	• The basics are always free. • Advanced features and customization available for a very low monthly fee. http://www.surveymonkey.com/	Easy-to-use web-based survey tool. Conduct course evaluations, quizzes & tests online. Perform training compliance self-checks. Gather student or attendee feedback. No software to install. No complicated instruction manuals. Just open a browser and go.	Very flexible. Can be used for students or professionally.
Poll Everywhere	**FREE** (1 teacher, 32 students, no features) **$50/year** (1 teacher, 40 students, grade reporting, response moderation, and response segmentation) For school-wide or district-wide, call for quote. http://www.polleverywhere.com/sms-classroom-response-system	Live animated charts respond to student's votes in PowerPoint. (Presenting computer simply needs an internet connection.) Student identity is anonymous unless a student chooses to reply using name or student ID. No hardware such as keypad or USB wireless receiver is needed. Accepts student responses via SMS text messaging on mobile phones, smartphones, or regular wireless laptops via the web.	

iMediaPOLL	**FREE** (shareware) iMediasoft http://www.imedialearn.com/imediapoll/	iMediaPOLL integrates the smartest features of a dynamic online poll, and allows you to set the look of your poll. The iMediaLearn server is where you can publish a poll in order to post it online. You can integrate the poll on your website or into an email. Mac and Windows platforms.	Customizable poll color and poll width; unlimited number of concurrent polls; multiple choice answering; language setting; multiple votes of the same respondent; vote frequency setting; reset votes; hide/unhide results from respondents.
Solutions for Students with Vision Disabilities			
VisioVoice	Pricing varies according to customer needs. Call for quote. AssistiveWare http://www.assistiveware.com/visiovoice.php	An application that enhances access to Mac OS X for blind and vision impaired users.	
Infovox	Pricing varies according to customer needs. Call for quote. AssistiveWare http://www.assistiveware.com/infovox_ivox.php	Provides natural sounding voices on the Mac in a wide range of languages.	
Acapela	Pricing varies according to customer needs. Call for quote. AssistiveWare http://www.acapela-group.com/acapela-voice-content-products.html	Provides natural sounding voices on the Mac in a wide range of languages.	

Tiresias Fonts Collection	**From $24.75** Bitstream, Inc. http://new.myfonts.com/fonts/bitstream/tiresias/	Fonts for those with vision disabilities.	
iBraille	Free application for iPad, iPhone, iPod Zeitgeist Games http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/ibraille/id339514511?mt=8	English-to-braille and Braille-to-english translator.	
Index Braille	Pricing varies according to customer needs. Call for quote. Index Braille **http://www.indexbraille.com/Products.aspx**	Braille printers, applications, drivers and other software.	
Victor Reader Digital Talking Book Players	Handheld: **$359.00** and up. Desktop/Portable: Call for a quote. HumanWare Group http://www.humanware.com/en-usa/products/blindness/dtb_players	HumanWare is the leading provider of DTB (Digital Talking Book) Players worldwide. They work with leading blindness organizations and libraries to bring a range of products, incorporating the latest technology, to hundreds of thousands of customers.	
Libbraile	**FREE** downloadable software. Sébastien Sablé **http://libbraille.org**	Mac OS X Braille translation software for refreshable Braille. A computer shared library which makes it possible to easily develop for Braille displays. It provides a simple API to write text on the display, directly draw dots, or get the value of keys pressed on the Braille keyboard.	

RFB&D Audio	$19.99 Application for iPad, iPhone, iPod Learning Ally, Inc. http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/rfb-d-audio	Gain instant access to Learning Ally's (formerly RFB&D) downloadable DAISY formatted books. Library of more than 64,000 audiobooks that are designed for people with print and learning disabilities.	
Biggy Cursors	$119.00 R.J. Cooper & Associates, Inc. http://www.rjcooper.com/biggy/	Variety of large cursors for all programs. Large selection, even 'lefties'. Many are even animated, also other significant cursor enhancements. Works within any software.	