



## KALAMAZOO RESA **ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY TEAM**

### Spring 2017

#### Submitting an AT Proposal

If a district wishes to request Assistive Technology (AT) devices or programs through the Kalamazoo RESA Assistive Technology team, a [proposal form](#) must be completed. The cost of the requested AT materials must be above \$500. Materials less than \$500 are the responsibility of the local districts. An AT proposal flow chart and sample AT proposal form are available to view on the [Kalamazoo RESA website](#).

Proposals will be accepted at the AT meetings held in the months from September through April. All proposals to be approved for the current school year must be submitted on or before the April AT meeting, held on the third Friday in April.

If you have questions about an AT proposal, please ask an AT team member. A list of members can be found [here](#).

#### Examples of Assistive Technology Available Through SNAP Media



##### **Noise Cancelling Adjustable Earmuffs**

This Leightning L2F earmuff folds for convenient storage. Padded foam headband and super soft ear cushions for extended wear. High performance earmuff, featuring a black headband with slim, charcoal gray earcups. Has a noise reduction rating of 27.

### **Apple Wireless Keyboard**

For use with your Mac or iPad; the sleek, completely cable-free aluminum Apple Wireless Keyboard uses Bluetooth technology, so you're free to



move the keyboard just about anywhere within range and wirelessly type away. Use the Apple Wireless Keyboard on your desk, on your lap, or anywhere within 30 feet of your Mac or iPad. Its compact design takes up 24-percent less space on your desktop than traditional full-size keyboards, so you have extra room to move the keyboard around and mouse comfortably alongside of it. You'll also feel a difference when you type on its low-profile anodized aluminum enclosure with crisp, responsive keys. Use the function keys for one-touch access to a variety of Mac features such as screen brightness, volume, eject, play or pause, Exposé, and Dashboard.



### **Echo Livescribe Smartpen**

The Livescribe Echo Smartpen does two things: it digitally records your handwritten notes and it also digitally records the audio around you. You can then connect the pen to your computer to archive, share, print or store them in the cloud along with the corresponding audio.

The magic of the Echo Smartpen is in this syncing of the audio and handwriting. This happens while you're taking notes, so you can listen to audio that the pen recorded as you wrote those specific words or drew that specific doodle or image. Hit the stop button at the bottom of the special paper and then tap a word or drawing and your pen plays the corresponding audio.

Connect the pen to a computer via USB and download the notes and audio to the Livescribe Desktop software. Once copied to the software the notes sync with the audio.

### **Contacts**

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Please contact any committee member with suggestions, ideas, or questions.

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