

Incorporating AAC into my classroom

THE BASICS OF AAC FOR TEACHERS



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Child is using high tech communication device.

What is Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC)?

All forms of communication that are used to supplement speech.

What kinds of AAC options are available?

AAC includes anything from sign language to more sophisticated electronic devices.

Unaided AAC- using your body to communicate.

- gestures
- sign language
- head nod/shake

Low tech devices – don't require a battery to operate:

- photo albums
- communication boards with photographs or drawings

High tech devices- electronic devices:

- tablets
- computers that include symbols or written text that can speak.

How will AAC help my student succeed in school?

- Increases ability to participate in the classroom by answering questions, asking questions, and taking part in class discussions by having access to academic material such as the new vocabulary for upcoming.
- Increases ability to have more and better social interactions with peers.
- Experiences less stress and frustration resulting in fewer risks for behavior problems.

What is my role as a teacher?

To work closely with the speech-language pathologist. The speech-language pathologist

1. Will teach the student how to communicate using the AAC system
2. Will provide training and assistance to you and your educational aids on how to work with the student using the AAC system.
3. Will consult with you to figure out the student's communication needs.



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Child is using a low-tech communication book

What are other professionals who might work with my student?

Ideally, help these children meet their education needs.

- Speech-language pathologist
- Occupational therapist
- Physical therapist
- School psychologist