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Assistive Technology

Alliance for Technology Access

<http://www.ataccess.org/>

The Alliance for Technology Access (ATA) is a network of community-based resource centers, developers and vendors dedicated to providing information and support services to children and adults with disabilities, and increasing their use of standard, assistive, and information technologies.

Closing the Gap

<http://www.closingthegap.com/>

Closing The Gap, Inc. is an organization that focuses on computer technology for people with special needs through its bi-monthly newspaper, annual international conference and extensive web site. Search the annual resource directory online.

Virtual Assistive Technology Center

<http://vatc.freesevers.com/>

Specializes in freeware/shareware software for people with disabilities.

Autism

Autism Society of America

<http://www.autism-society.org/>

Serving the needs of individuals with autism and their families through advocacy, education, public awareness, and research.

Autism Resources

<http://www.autism-resources.com/>

Offers information and links regarding the developmental disabilities autism and Asperger's Syndrome, maintained by John Wobus.

Behavior

The Behavior Home Page

<http://www.state.ky.us/agencies/behave/homepage.html>

Designed for school personnel, parents, and other professionals to gain access to information, to share effective practices, and to receive ongoing consultation and technical assistance concerning the full range of behavior problems and challenges displayed by children and youth in school and community settings, as well as other behavioral issues that may affect their success in school.

Virtual Resource Center in Behavioral Disorders

<http://www.coe.missouri.edu/vrcbd/>

Information on the Teacher Problem Solving Skills multimedia case studies and related resources.

Brain Injury

Brain Injury Association USA

<http://www.biausa.org/>

National organization concerned with brain injury.

Brain Injury Center

<http://www.braincenter.org/>

Home page of the Kentucky Brain Injury Center providing a doorway to information on acquired brain injury.

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

<http://www.ninds.nih.gov/>

Resources, information, and links from this government funded research center.

Cognitive and Developmental Disabilities

The ARC

<http://thearc.org/>

A voluntary organization committed to the welfare of all children and adults with mental retardation and their families.

The American Association on Mental Retardation

<http://www.aamr.org/>

Home page for AAMR, the national organization for professionals and others interested in the field of mental retardation.

The National Down Syndrome Society

<http://www.ndss.org/>

Information, resources, publications, and links can be found at the home page of this national organization.

Especially for Children

Internet Resources for Special Children

<http://www.irsc.org/>

This site seeks offers valuable information for parents, family members, caregivers, friends, educators, and medical professionals who interact with children who have disabilities.

Kid Stuff

<http://members.aol.com/disablen2/ChildrenFable/Children.html>

Part of the Complete Disability Network, this page connects children to fairy tales, games, and other activities designed for children with disabilities.

The Sibling Support Project

<http://www.seattlechildrens.org/parents/sibsupp.htm>

A national program dedicated to the interests of brothers and sisters of people with special health or developmental needs.

Inkspot

<http://www.inkspot.com/>

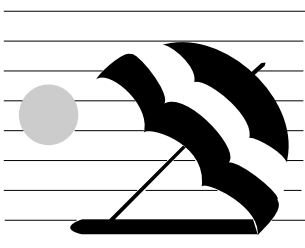
A comprehensive site supporting writers of all ages and skills.

RefDesk

<http://www.refdesk.com/>

A comprehensive collection of reference works. Perfect for assisting students as they complete homework and research assignments.

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Ask Dr.Math

<http://mathforum.org/dr.math/>
The place to go to get answers about math questions at all grade levels.

Ask Jeeves for Kids

<http://www.ajkids.com/>
A specially designed search engine that enables users to enter their search in the form of a question.

Yahooligans

<http://www.yahooligans.com/>
A site designed especially for children.

Creating Instructional Materials

Intellitools Activity Exchange

<http://www.intellitools.com>
Search for ready-to-use teacher-made materials for use with Intellitools products. Download the files and you are ready to go! Materials are also modifiable to meet individual student needs.

Crayon

<http://www.crayon.net/>
Use the tools at this site to create a personalized newspaper. A powerful tool to monitor topics of personal interest.

ED Tech Tools

<http://school.discovery.com/quizcenter/quizcenter.html>
This free service enables educators to quickly and easily create interactive quizzes on the internet (without knowing HTML!). When a student completes the quiz, tools at the site can automatically correct the quiz and email it to the instructor.

TrackStar

<http://trackstar.hprtec.org/>
A powerful and flexible tool to create web pages that support instruction. Does not require knowledge of html.

ePALS Classroom Exchange

<http://www.epals.com/>
Use this site to locate other teachers and classrooms for planning projects involving keypals (electronic pen pals exchanging information via email). Connect with 12,901 classrooms representing more than 900,000 students from 100 countries.

Tools You Can Use

<http://www.nea.org/helpfrom/connecting/tools>
Printable documents to help parents and teachers work together for student success.

The Clip Art Gallery

<http://school.discovery.com/clipart/>
A collection of public domain clip art that can be copied and pasted into documents you create.

Deafness

Deafness Hard of Hearing

<http://deafness.about.com/mbody.htm>
A comprehensive resource site about deafness and hearing impairments.

Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center

<http://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/InfoToGo/>
A centralized source of accurate, up-to-date, objective information on topics dealing with deafness and hearing loss.

Animated American Sign Language Dictionary

<http://www.bconnex.net/~randys/>
Created and maintained by Randy Stine, an ASL enthusiast, this site is designed to help users learn about ASL and the Deaf Community. The heart of the site is the Dictionary, a collection of basic words that are signed in a brief video sequence.

Disability Information and Support

Complete Disability Network

<http://members.aol.com/disablenet/Main/DisableNet.html>
A network run by and operated by people with disabilities for people with disabilities. To say this site is comprehensive is an understatement! An umbrella composed of twenty different websites, more than 1000 webpages, and over 5000 links.

Special Education Resources on the Internet

<http://seriweb.com/>
A comprehensive collection of special education web links maintained by Hood College.

The Cornucopia of Disability Information

<http://codi.buffalo.edu/>
A comprehensive collection of links to disability web sites. Well-organized.

Marc Sheehan's Special Education Page

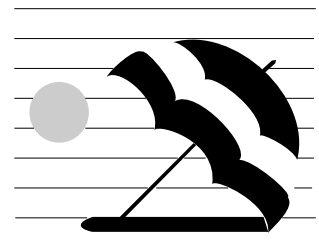
<http://www.halcyon.com/marcs/sped.html>
An extensive collection of web links maintained by Marc Sheehan.

Yahoo! Disability

http://dir.yahoo.com/Society_and_Culture/Disabilities/
A directory of disability-related web sites.

MedWeb

<http://www.medweb.emory.edu/MedWeb/>
Search or browse for information on children, disabilities, and medical conditions.



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The National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities

<http://www.nichcy.org/>
NICHCY is the national information and referral center that provides information on disabilities and disability-related issues for families, educators, and other professionals focusing on children and youth, birth to age 22.

Family Village

<http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/>
A global community that integrates information, resources, and communication opportunities on the Internet for persons with mental retardation and other disabilities, for their families, and for those that provide them services and support. Offers informational resources on specific diagnoses, communication connections, adaptive products and technology, adaptive recreational activities, education, worship, health issues, disability-related media and literature, and so much more!

CHADD

<http://www.chadd.org/>
The home page for Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder. A mega-site with links and resources.

National Organization for Rare Disorders

<http://www.rarediseases.org/>
NORD is a clearinghouse of information and resources on rare disorders.

Films Involving Disability

<http://www.disabilityfilms.co.uk/>
A searchable database of over 2,000 films that involve disability issues either as a primary or secondary storyline.

Gifted and Talented

Gifted Resource Home Page

<http://www.eskimo.com/~user/kids.html>
This page is intended to be a convenient starting point for gifted students, their parents, and educators to access gifted resources, whether on the internet or otherwise.

Selected Internet Resources for Gifted Education

<http://ericec.org/faq/gt-urls.html>
A page of resource links maintained by the ERIC Clearinghouse on Disabilities and Gifted Education.

Information Accessibility

WebAble!

<http://www.webable.com/>
WebABLE! is an authoritative Web site for hundreds of internet-based resources on accessibility and disability-related internet resources.

Alternative Formats to Print Sources

<http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosa/Disabilities/alternative.html>
A page of web links created by University of Waterloo Electronic Library (UWELib) that offers resources on print alternatives. Very useful information for those individuals needing reading supports and vision alternatives.

International Special Education

Special Needs Education Project (Canada)

<http://www.schoolnet.ca/sne/>

Inclusive Education in Europe

<http://www.uva.es/inclusion/>

DisabilityNet (United Kingdom)

<http://www.disabilitynet.co.uk/>

World Internet Directory: Disabilities (Italy)

http://www.bccs.org/int_direct.html

Information Resources for People with Disabilities (Japan)

<http://www.sd.soft.iwate-pu.ac.jp/sensui/>

VICNET Disability Page (Australia)

<http://www.vicnet.net.au/health/disability/>

Learning Disabilities

LD Online

<http://www.ldonline.org/>
An award winning site concerning learning disabilities for children, parents, and teachers.

LD Resources

<http://www.ldresources.com/>
A well-organized collection of resources about learning disabilities. Maintained by Richard Wanderman.

Legal Issues/Policy

IDEA Practices

<http://www.ideapractices.org/>
A technical assistance site to support the efforts of administrators and service providers in implementing IDEA '97.

Disability Related Issues: A Web Pathfinder for Student Research

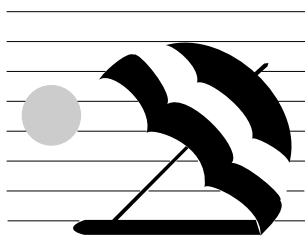
<http://www.disrights.org/guide/research.html>
This site focuses on researching disability related issues on the World Wide Web and organizes resource links by search strategy and topic.

EdLaw

<http://www.edlaw.net/>
This site is maintained by EdLaw, Inc. and contains links and briefing papers on many timely legal issues in special education.

disAbility Related Legal & Advocacy Resources

<http://www.makoa.org/legal.htm>
An extensive list of links concerning disability, legal issues, and advocacy.



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Americans with Disabilities Act Document Center

<http://janweb.icdi.wvu.edu/kinder/>

A comprehensive site with extensive links to ADA documents and disability-related web sites.

CADRE, the Consortium for Appropriate Dispute Resolution in Special Education

<http://www.directionservice.org/cadre/>

The web site of a federally funded project whose mission is to provide technical assistance and information dissemination concerning techniques for preventing and resolving disagreements related to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Multicultural

Special Education Resources in Spanish

<http://paidos.rediris.es/needirectorio/index.html>

As the title indicates, this site provides special education resources in Spanish.

Dave's ESL Cafe

<http://www.pacificnet.net/~sperling/>

A resource for teaching and learning English. Features homework help, links, discussion forums, and more.

The National Association for Bilingual Education

<http://www.ncbe.gwu.edu>

Extensive resources on mother tongue instruction and English as a second language.

Especially for Parents

ParentsPlace.Com

<http://www.parentsplace.com/>

A mega-resource center for parents covering from pregnancy and new baby to parenting parents.

Parents Helping Parents

<http://www.php.com/>

Meeting children's special needs through parents helping parents.

PACER Center

<http://www.pacer.org/>

A nonprofit coalition of 20 disability organizations serving as the parent training and information center in Minnesota. The Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights (PACER) Center strives to improve and expand opportunities that enhance the quality of life for children and young adults with disabilities and their families.

National Parent Information Network

<http://www.npin.org/>

Sponsored by the ERIC Clearinghouse system, NPIN provides information to parents and those who work with parents and to foster the exchange of parenting materials.

The National Mental Health and Education Center for Children and Families

<http://www.naspcenter.org/>

Seeks to provide leadership in addressing critical issues that affect education and improve the outcomes for children and their families. A public service of the National Association of School Psychologists.

Publications for Parents

<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/parents>

A variety of publications written by the U.S. Department of Education specifically for parents. Helping Parents Cruise the Net is one publication to help parents understand the value of the Internet.

Professional Development

Education World: Where Teachers Go to Learn

<http://www.education-world.com/>

Search a database of over 100,000 web sites to locate information most relevant for your work and interests.

Kathy Schrock's Guide for Educators

<http://school.discovery.com/schrockguide/>

A categorized list of sites on the Internet found to be useful for enhancing curriculum and teacher professional growth.

Intervention Techniques

<http://curry.edschool.virginia.edu/go/cise/ose/information/interventions.html>

Valuable information about effective instructional practices in special education.

Project Gutenberg

<http://promo.net/pg/>

A directory of text files in the public domain that can be downloaded and read.

Cool Site of the Day

<http://cool.infi.net/>

Visit this site daily and increase your Internet "cool" IQ.

Blue Mountain Arts

<http://free.bluemountain.com/>

Create electronic greeting cards that can be sent via email. Free.

MapsOnUs

<http://www.mapsonus.com/>

Use this site to draw detailed maps from one location to another. Amazing!

Speech and Language

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

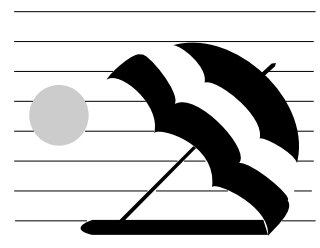
<http://www.asha.org/>

ASHA is the professional, scientific, and credentialing association for more than 96,000 audiologists, speech-language pathologists, and speech, language, and hearing scientists.

Net Connections for Communication Disorders and Sciences

<http://www.mankato.msus.edu/dept/comdis/kuster2/welcome.html>

A well-organized internet guide to speech and language resources on the net.



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The Centre for Speech Technology Research

<http://www.cstr.ed.ac.uk/>

A collection of links, research, and to web resources on speech technology.

Especially for Teachers

Busy Teachers' Web Site

<http://www.ceismc.gatech.edu/busy/>

A collection of lesson plans and web sites of interest to teachers.

Beginning Teacher's Tool Box

<http://www.inspiringteachers.com/>

A variety of resources designed to support the beginning teacher.

What to Expect Your First Year of Teaching

<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/FirstYear/>

A helpful collection of suggestions and resources for first year teachers.

Works4Me Classroom Tips Library

<http://www.nea.org/helpfrom/growing/works4me/library.html>

Archive of the popular "Works4Me" weekly email exchange sponsored by the National Education Association. Search through over 400 classroom tips from other educators.

Blue Web'n Learning Applications

<http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/bluwebn>

Monitor's the best developments on the internet for education. Search for teaching resources and lesson plans.

This Day in History

<http://www.historychannel.com/>

This site provides extensive information about events happening on this day throughout history.

Yahoo! Special Education

http://dir.yahoo.com/education/special_education/

A directory of special education-related web sites.

Council for Exceptional Children

<http://www.cec.sped.org/>

A professional organization devoted to all areas of special education.

The National Center on Educational Outcomes

<http://www.coled.umn.edu/nceo/>

The National Center on Educational Outcomes provides national leadership in the identification of outcomes and indicators to monitor educational results for all students, including students with disabilities. Specific topics include the participation of students with disabilities in national and state assessments, standards-setting efforts, and graduation requirements.

The National Center for Research on Evaluation, Standards, and Student Testing

<http://www.cse.ucla.edu/>

A wealth of information on student achievement, standards, and assessment prepared by a federal funded center (CREST).

Center for Adolescent Studies

<http://education.indiana.edu/cas/>

Sponsored by the Center for Adolescent Studies, Indiana University, this site features a wealth of information for secondary teachers and parents about adolescent social and emotional development.

Circle of Inclusion

<http://circleofinclusion.org/>

The Circle of Inclusion web site is for early childhood service providers and families of young children. This web site offers demonstrations of and information about the effective practices of inclusive educational programs for children from birth through age eight.

Preparing Teachers for Conflict Resolution in Schools

<http://ericae.net/edo/ED387456.htm>

A ERIC Digest document prepared by the ERIC Clearinghouse on Teaching and Teacher Education.

Transition

Transition: Student and Family Resources

<http://web.nysed.gov/vesid/sped/trans/sandf.htm>

A collection of resource links for students with disabilities and their families.

Job Accommodation Network

<http://www.jan.wvu.edu/>

The Job Accommodation Network (JAN) is not a job placement service, but an international toll-free (800/526-7234) consulting service that provides information about job accommodations and the employability of people with disabilities.

Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) Homepage

<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OVAE/>

Federal agency charged with facilitating school to work programs. Offers a variety of web links and resources.

Vision

American Foundation for the Blind

<http://www.afb.org/>

A national information clearing-house serving the needs of individuals who are blind. Offers access to an extensive publication network.

National Federation of the Blind

<http://www.nfb.org/>

A national organization offering links, resources, and tools for individuals who are blind.

American Printing House for the Blind

<http://www.aph.org/>

Provides materials, alternative media, tools, and resources for individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic

<http://www.rfbd.org/>

Books on tape national library.

