

Universal Tech Tools

UNIVERSAL TECH TOOLS

This section describes Universal Tech Tools as tools *available to anyone* that aid a student in their transition from school to adult life. The successful use of these tools can be transferred to college, work, and daily life upon exit from school services. In addition, the use of these tools can be documented in the IEP and included in the Summary of Performance. This information is helpful for the IEP team and Seamless Transition partners.

UNIVERSAL TECH TOOLS USE AVAILABILITY AND USE

- They are available to anyone to support academics, work and daily living access and independence. These are tools that are free or available at a low cost.
- They are used to increase a person's independence, ability to make choices, and enhance self-advocacy and self-determination skills.

REMINDERS:

- The purpose is to provide ideas around what universal tools are available and can support students.
- This is not an exhaustive list but is meant to provide examples of tools that can assist in developing a framework to increase a student's success upon exiting school services.
- The successful use of these tools should be shared with others on a student's IEP team and Seamless Transition team including, but not limited to, Vocational Rehabilitation, Developmental Disabilities, job developers and personal support workers.
- Review the student's previous IEP to see what Universal Tech Tools have been previously used.
- Talk to family members or other agency providers to see if Universal Tech Tools are being used with success outside of school.
- This can be used in the Summary of Performance, a one-page profile, or an electronic portfolio to highlight tools used for success. In addition, Universal Tech Tools can be included in a disclosure statement.
- The use of Universal Tech Tools can be documented in a student's IEP in the following sections: Present Level of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance and Transition Services.
- You may consider documentation of Universal Tech Tools that have been used successfully on the Accommodations page for use in any classroom.
- Please see TTAN website under Transition Resource Handbook tab/Resources/ *Universal Tech Tools* for additional resources including *CAST*.