

Assistive Technology: Legal Mandates and Practical Solutions

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Presented by: Dr. Christina Sepiol and Jennifer Skalitzky

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Date:	November 21, 2019
Time:	8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (Registration 8:00a.m. - 8:30 a.m.) Breakfast Items will be provided. Lunch is on your own
Location:	East Moline School District Administration Center 3451 Morton Drive, East Moline, IL 61244
Credit:	CPDUs/CEUs are available If you wish to receive Administrator Academy credit, please bring a separate check for \$15.00 made payable to the Rock Island County ROE.
Cost:	FREE

About the Academy:

This course is focused on informing and educating school staff on the topics and practices that involve the use of assistive technology in the educational environment. . From an initial review of the legal mandates for assistive technology as a component of supporting placement in the least restrictive environment to the legislation that requires the consideration of assistive technology during the IEP conference, participants will be able to identify the legal mandates and their responsibilities for compliance. In addition, this presentation will increase the knowledge of school staff in the practical use and range of assistive technology for improving student outcomes. By thoroughly outlining practical solutions, participants will leave with strategies for further investigation and implementation in their own school environments.

About the Presenters:

Christina Sepiol: Christina Sepiol, J.D. Ed.D, is currently the Assistant Superintendent for Student Services in Indian Prairie School District 204 located in Naperville, Illinois. She has also served as an assistant director in a special education cooperative, and was legal counsel for numerous school districts throughout the State of Illinois, focusing her practice in matters related to special education, student discipline and disability rights. Her legal background also includes serving as a due process hearing officer and Section 504 hearing officer in the State of Indiana.

Her educational experiences have included teaching in the field of special education at the elementary through high school levels and serving as a building principal in an alternative day school setting. Prior to representing school districts, Dr. Sepiol represented parents whose interests were adverse to school districts. She is a member of the Illinois Bar Association and has served on the Illinois Council of School Attorney's Committees on Special Education and the No Child Left Behind Act.

Jennifer Skalitzky: Jennifer Skalitzky is a lead trainer for UCPS-Infinitec as an Assistive Technology Facilitator since 2004. She provides evaluations and trainings across the state in the areas of Assistive Technology and Universal Design for Learning. Jennifer received a Bachelor's degree in Communication Disorders from Eastern Illinois University and received a Master of Science in Disability and Human Development from the University of Illinois - Chicago (UIC). Her area of specialization was Rehabilitation/Assistive Technology, and she completed a Graduate Assistantship with UIC's Assistive Technology Unit (ATU). After graduation she worked for UIC's ATU where she supported students and adults using AAC devices. In addition, she has worked at Northwest Suburban Special Education Organization (NSSEO) as an Assistive Technology Facilitator. While there she supported the assistive technology needs of students with severe physical disabilities, students with Autism and learning disabilities. She also supported staff through trainings and the implementation of assistive technology. In the past, Jennifer has been an adjunct teacher at Lewis University and taught the undergraduate and graduate class on Assistive Technology for the Special Education Department. She has been in field for almost 20 years and loves what technology can do for all students!

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