



AT and Compensatory Skills in Unexpected Places...PE!

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Introductions

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Agenda

- PE Engagement for Students
- Compensatory Skills
- Assistive Technology
 - Low Tech
 - High Tech
- Practical Applications
- Q & A







Objectives

- By the end of this presentation, attendees will be able to:
 - Identify at least five ways that AT and compensatory skills can be utilized and supported in PE
 - Compare and contrast three examples of low-tech and high-tech assistive technology in the PE classroom
 - Formulate at least three ways AT and compensatory skills can be utilized to develop independence in physical education





PE Engagement for Students

- What information are all students expected to access in the PE classroom?
- What barriers do blind/low vision students have to accessing information in the PE classroom?
- What current solutions are being used?
- How are these current solutions eliminating barriers?
- How are these current solutions perpetuating barriers?





Compensatory Skills





Ultimate Goal – Compensatory Skills

 A student has all of the skills they need to access the educational curriculum with maximum independence







Compensatory Skills Examples

- Concept development
- Accessing printed materials
- Modes of communication
 - Listening
 - Speaking
 - Writing
 - Reading
- Study skills
- Organization skills







Assistive Technology









What types of assistive technology do your students use?

Please put some thoughts in the chat!

Low Tech

- Handheld magnifier
- PenFriend
- Monocular
- Overhead lighting
- Bump dots
- Tactile materials
- Quality materials







High Tech

- Screen Reader
- Mobile device magnifier
- Refreshable braille display
- Wayfinding apps
- Al apps/devices
- Assistive software
- Assistance apps







Practical Applications





Student Scenarios

- Tell us about a student:
 - Age
 - Vision level
 - What AT do they use?
 - What compensatory skills do they have?
 - What is your current goal for them?

- PE Engagement
 - Unit
 - Skill/activity
 - What are other students being expected to do?
 - What support do you need from the PE teacher?
 - What support can you give the PE teacher?





Conclusion









How do you plan to implement what you learned?

Share some thoughts in the chat!





Q&A

Please place any questions in the chat or unmute to ask your question

Thank You

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