

Handwriting: Let's Go Digital

*Date: May 26, 2010: 9:45 am to 1:45 pm (Beat The Bus Brown Bag Format)
\$67 Members / \$79 non-Members*

Target Audience

This half-day workshop is for all special and general education teachers, technology coordinators, child study team members, and disability support providers.

Description of Experience

Taking notes and completing writing assignments can be a frustrating task for many students who struggle with handwriting. Integrating appropriate writing tools in the classroom can help alleviate the stress frequently associated with the daunting task of legible handwriting. Let's get students focused on the task at hand - learning the material - and allow technology to help support the often difficult and time-consuming task of notetaking.

Participants will explore all types of handwriting aids from low-tech adapted pens and paper to mid-tech portable note takers through high-tech digital white-boards. Half-day format is lecture/demonstration. Full-day format provides time for participants to explore the technologies hands-on.

Learning Objectives

- Identify no, low and high tech writing options
- Understand the SETT process
- Explore various hardware and software including:
 - Portable notetakers
 - Digital white boards
 - Screen capture devices
 - Speech recognition
 - Modified pens and pencils
 - Graphic organizer generating software
 - eText Readers (Handheld and software versions)
 - Open Source Software Solutions
 - Identify implementation strategies to get these writing supports in place