

## 2018-19 Tennessee RCVI

### APH Federal Quota Assistive Technology Policy

The resource Center for the Visually Impaired lends Assistive Technology devices that are available from the American Printing House for the Blind (APH) with Federal Quota Funds. The student for whom the AT devices are requested must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Qualify for and be registered to receive APH Federal Quota Funds
- Have a current Assistive Technology Evaluation, Functional Vision Assessment and IEP. The RCVI reserves the right to have their own AT evaluation conducted if deemed appropriate.
- Device should be listed as a modification in the student's IEP
- Receive training in the operation and care of the device

#### **High Priced APH Assistive Technology Devices:**

Due to the high Cost of some of the products and limited funding, the RCVI reserves the right to limit quantities for items that cost over \$500. Due to limited quantities, the guidelines below will serve to determine the greatest need. This is not to say that an LEA should not determine that this device is needed by a student. That is an IEP decision. However, RCVI may or may not be able to provide the device for every student due to funding limitations, i.e., in FY 2018, each student registered with APH for Federal Quota Funds earned a grand total of \$381.56 per student. This changes from year to year based on the number of students registered nationally, so please register all of your students who are eligible to help increase funding.

**A copy of the Assistive Technology Evaluation, Functional Vision, and IEP for the student that the device is being ordered for, must be sent with the request for the devices below before an order will be considered.**

**Smart Braille**- In addition to the above requirements, priority will be given to students in early childhood settings and students who have a documented physical impairment that limits their ability to use a traditional or light touch Perkins Braille.

**Cost \$1995.00 + Shipping (It does not qualify for Free Matter for the Blind).**

**Matt Connect**- In addition to the above requirements, students in grades 3 and above will be considered to order this device. This is due to the sudden drop in print size between grades 2 and 3 and the fragile nature of the device.

**Cost \$2995.00 + shipping (It does not qualify for Free Matter for the Blind).**

These items will be marked in KLAS as approval required by the RCVI.

The RCVI requires that each AT device that is loaned to a local education agency for an eligible student be subject to the following requirements:

- The AT device must be secured in the school building when not in use by the student.
- If the device is damaged, please return the item immediately; a warranty may be in effect.
- The RCVI will be responsible for no more than two repairs to the device.  
and reserves the right to not replace a device that was damaged due to abuse or neglect.
- At the end of each school year AT devices must be either returned to RCVI for redistribution or renewed. Call RCVI to renew the device.
- Any Assistive Technology device should be shipped by the LEA using United Parcel Service (UPS) or Federal Express (FedEx) and must be tracked.
- Please retain the original packaging to use to return the device to the RCVI including original packaging inserts as delivered to the LEA, to insure safe return of the device.