

IDEA Funding and IntelliTools® Products

What is IDEA?

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA), which was reauthorized in late 2004, helps states and school districts provide special education and related services to children with disabilities through the Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).

IDEA is the second largest federal program supporting elementary and secondary education (with fiscal 2005 appropriations of over \$11 billion). IDEA encourages the development and deployment of assistive technologies and emphasizes the integration of technology into the classroom to improve access to the general curriculum for students with disabilities.

IDEA was amended in late 2004 to adopt the definition of universal design from the Assistive Technology Act, which is "a concept or philosophy for designing and delivering products and services that are usable by people with the widest possible range of functional capabilities, which include products and services that are directly accessible (without requiring assistive technologies) and products and services that are interoperable with assistive technologies."

Other significant changes in the amended Act align IDEA with the No Child Left Behind Act, noting that children with disabilities must be included in statewide and districtwide assessments and allowing districts to use IDEA funds even if one or more nondisabled children will benefit from the use of those funds.

IntelliTools Products—an Excellent Fit for IDEA Funds!



The concept of universal design—that all students, regardless of physical and learning differences, have access to our products—has been a long-standing philosophy that guides IntelliTools' software and hardware innovations. Our products feature speech output, single-switch scanning, and automatic sending of IntelliKeys overlays in addition to access by a standard keyboard, mouse, touchscreen, and most currently used alternative input methods.

All IntelliTools products employ universal design, comply with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, and benefit students with physical disabilities, autism, impaired vision, and cognitive disabilities.

IntelliTools Products	IntelliKeys or Mouse Access	Switch Access	Sends Overlays	Head Mouse Access	Touch Screen Access	Blind Access	Low Vision Access	Word Prediction	Talking Text	Cognitive Simplification	Section 508 Compliant
Accessibility											
IntelliKeys USB	✓	✓				✓	✓			✓	✓
Overlay Maker 3	✓		✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Classroom Tools											
IntelliTools Classroom Suite	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
IntelliPics Studio 3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
IntelliMathics 3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
IntelliTalk 3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Language Arts											
Balanced Literacy	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓
ReadyMade: Primary Writing 3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
ReadyMade: Primary Literacy 3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
ReadyMade: Story Kits	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
Math											
MathPad	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
MathPad Plus	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓
Number Concepts 1	✓	✓	✓		✓					✓	✓
Number Concepts 2	✓	✓	✓		✓						✓



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