Presentation Content for: AMAC: Accommodations Made Easier

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AMAC; Accommodations Made Easier

**Themes / Topics**

* **OMG! I have the student who has a print disability....what do I do with them?**
* **What are books in alternative format and what format options are available?**
* **Okay, so now I have my text in alternative format, what do I do with it?**
* **Services available through AMAC**

Alternative Media Accommodations: **Ingredients for Success**

**Alt Formats**

**Technical Equipment**

**Trained Staff**

**OMG! I have the student who has a print disability....what do I do with them?**

**Alternative Media Accommodations**

* Students with Qualified Print Related Disabilities
  + Qualified
  + Print Related Disabilities
* Explain the accommodation and the students responsibilities.
* Determine Format(s)
* Produce, order or acquire formatted text.

Print Related Disabilities

A print disability can be a learning disability, a visual impairment or a physical disability. Although the manners in which the disability occurs are very different, they all share one characteristic: individuals diagnosed with a print disability cannot access print in the standard way.

* (http://www.learningthroughlistening.org)

Print Related Disabilities

AMAC Working Definition:   
Students may need alternate formats for their original text files if they:

* Are blind or have visual impairment
* Have difficulty holding a book or turning pages
* Have a learning disability
* Have difficulty visually processing text
* Or have any other difficulty interacting with printed text

‘Qualified’

AMAC uses the National AHEAD 7 Essential for Documentation:

* The credentials of the evaluator(s)
* A diagnostic statement identifying the disability
* A description of the diagnostic methodology used
* A description of the current functional limitations [requiring alternative media and/or assistive technologies to access print]
* A description of the expected progression or stability of the disability
* A description of the current and past accommodations, services and/or medications
* Recommendations for accommodations, adaptive devices, assistive services, compensatory strategies, and/or items support services

[Explain the accommodation and the students responsibilities.](http://www.amac.gatech.edu/wiki/index.php/Student_Participation_Agreement)

Determine Format(s):   
[AMAC Screening Tool](http://www.amac.gatech.edu/wiki/images/1/1f/File_Format_Screening_Tool_Final_2.11.10.pdf)

Produce, order or acquire formatted text.

DIY: Chop & Scan [**(video)**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-M95Ob4kIak&NR=1)

Publisher Requests : AccessText Network <http://www.accesstext.org/>

Alternative Media Service Providers : AMAC <http://amacusg.org>

Alternative Media Producers

**What are books in alternative format and what format options are available?**

**Alternate Formats**

* Braille
* Audio
* E-Text

**Alternate Formats**

* Braille
  + Embossed or Electronic
  + Varying kinds/considerations of braille
    - Math ML / Nemeth: Equations
    - Tactile Graphic: by hand, embossed
    - Non-English
    - Subject matter expertise

**Alternate Formats**

* Audio:
  + Human Recorded
  + Electronic Recorded

Examples: Daisy, MP3, WAV

**Alternate Formats**

* + Publisher Files, Basic Scan, OCR & Standardization   
    (Tags, Alt Text , Pagination, etc.)
* E-Text

Examples:

PDF, DOC, RTF, Daisy, HTML

*Features*

• Text that can be displayed on a computer or electronic

device

• Text may be saved on external storage devices (flash drive or CD)

• Computer uses software to “read” e-text out loud

• Uses software to aid in taking notes, reading, and highlighting text on the screen

**PDF**

* Page Exact: Retains the layout of the page

**DOC**

* Similar to .txt and .rtf
* Opens in standard word processing programs
* AMAC DOC: Single column based on reading order.

**Okay, so now I have my text in alternative format, what do I do with it?**

**File Management**

* **Storage**
* **Delivery**
* **Security**

**File Use**

* **Assistive Technology**
* **Training**
* **Support**

**Assistive Technology**

READ IT!

* Text-to-Speech
* Screen Readers
* Magnify

Mark It Up!

* Highlight
* Bookmark

**Types of E-Text Readers**

* Stand Alone Apps
* Toolbar Style
* Embedded

Either Way…

Get the student started!

**Georgia and Beyond! Services available through AMAC**

**Brief History….**

**AMAC: a GA BOR Project**

* **Save $**
* **Standard Need / Accommodation**
* **Produce Alt Text / Reuse / Compliance**
* **Revealed more needs…**
  + **Technical Support**
  + **Training**
  + **Assistive Technology**
* **Tech and Private Schools**
* **AAP – National Project / Exposure**
* **AMAC National**
* **AMAC – Leverage the buying power of members to make available more accommodation services and drive down cost.**

**Alternative Media Access Center**is committed to removing barriers and providing access to knowledge for individuals with physical, sensory, and learning print-related disabilities.   
  
We offer postsecondary institutions a vehicle to serve and lower costs through leveraging centralized institutional accommodation resources.

**Membership Organization**

* **Post-Secondary Schools**
* **Disability Service Offices**
* **Compliance**

**AMP: Alternative Media Producer**

* **Order, Secure, Track, Deliver**

**Alt Media Services**

* **Assistive Technology Distribution**
* **Training Support**
* **Technical Assistance / Support**

**Deaf & HH Services (2012)**

* **Captioned Media**
* **Remote Captioning**

**AT Co-Op (GA)**

* **Assistive Technology bulk purchase program**

**Learning and Development**

* **Development of programs and services to promote; Student Success!**

**Annual Membership Summary**

**Post-Secondary**

1. **Basic:** 
   * **No annual fee. Pay the full / regular cost of alt media production**

**DOES NOT include:**

* **Publisher request services**
* **Access to national repositories**
* **Member ordering, tracking and reporting applications (NEON)**
* **Compliance Forms (Student , DSS)**
* **A reduced cost for braille**
* **Compliance forms**
* **Student textbook delivery center**
* **Assistive Technology**
* **Training (some)**
* **Technical Support (some)**

1. **Premium:** 
   * **Flat annual fee based on total student enrollment. Fee recoverable over the year in alt media services**
2. **Deluxe:** 
   * **$1,500.00 annually + the Cost of Production**

**The annual membership fee covers:**

* **Publisher request services**
* **Access to national repositories**
* **Member ordering, tracking and reporting applications (NEON)**
* **Compliance Forms (Student , DSS)**
* **A reduced cost for braille**
* **Student textbook delivery center**
* **Assistive Technology**
* **Training**
* **Technical Support**

1. **CGN (Corporate, Government, Non-profit):** 
   * **No annual fee.**
   * **Regular cost of alt media production**

* **Braille, e-Text, audio**
* **May have to provide physical copy of book**
* **Order from AMAC repository**
* **Simple member ordering, tracking and reporting application; NEON Lite**
* **File Delivered online to customer**
* **Training**
* **Technical Support**

**Questions**

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