What I know:

- Allows for creativity
- Helps students communicate with speech
- PDA’s can be very effective for organizationally challenged students
- Graphic organizers through Inspiration
- Includes medical equipment
- Available for school districts
- Time saver
- Difficult to access unless knowledgeable
- For low level to top level
- Boardmaker
- Download at readme.com to get text, etc.
- Interactive software for academics
- Increases opportunities to learn
- Some students bring Alpha Smarts to class
- Calculators (help & hindrance)
- Increases opportunities to learn that they couldn’t otherwise access
- You have to consider it as part of the IEP
- Helps people perform more proficiently at work
- Can be very low tech
- Can be a hindrance if it breaks down
- Can help with mobility and freedom
- Can’t help students speak, if they can’t
- Dragonspeak
- Microphones & headsets for hearing impaired
- Can be fun – can use with toys
- Co-writer and write out loud can help student write more fluently
- Available for all types of disabilities
- Kids enjoy it

What do you want to learn?

- Specific names of software/hardware
- Different computer programs
- How to use PDA’s in the classroom for student records
- Better depth of knowledge to help students and parents access
- To learn what’s available for certain disabilities
- Exposure to co-writer & math programs
- Integrate & cover bases
- How to choose AT
- How to use Boardmaker
- How to use Inspiration
- How to do video editing
- How to help students & parents feel comfortable with AT
- How to do an interactive lesson or software
- Where is the future of AT headed?
- How to do video streaming
- More about software that’s available
- Become more proficient with technology that I have
- Ways to accommodate students without buying new programs
- Taking advantage of voice activated technology
- Use effectively to support student learning
- Trouble shooting
- What’s available in the community
- How to use tech at home (for parents to use with students)
- Utilize technology more in lessons and units
- Want to be more of a master than novice