

Complex Needs Technology Project

2017-2018

Purpose of the Complex Needs Technology Project

To assist BC school districts in building their capacity to support students with complex needs. A third year of this project is possible through the support of the BC Ministry of Education and is designed to help districts acquire the specialized technologies needed to address the assessment and trial needs of their most complex students.

This project is **NOT** intended to provide long term technology solutions for individual student use (i.e. increase Tier 3 allocations). The goal is to help district teams screen more effectively for district-based and SET-BC based support and to continue to support the development of district-based complex needs technology loan banks.

As with last year's Complex Needs Technology Project, we will be asking those district teams that participate in the project to share ways in which the technology bundles helped build their capacity. In this way, the overall provincial capacity to support these students will be increased.

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We invite applications that will focus on building capacity to support one or more of the following student groups:

- Students with complex communication needs
- Students with complex physical access needs
- Students with complex vision needs

Technology Support for Successful Applicants

District teams who are successful in their application for support will be contacted mid-December.

The technology in the bundles will be put on long term EOS (Equipment Only Status) loan to the district. This will allow SET-BC to provide technical only support for the devices for our standard 5-year support window. The only deviation from this would be for iPads as they have a 2-year support window.

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Technology Bundles

On the project application form, please identify which bundles(s) you feel would best support your district team's goals of building capacity to support complex needs students. Teams may apply for more than one bundle. As you know, complex needs technologies can be very costly – these bundles have been created to provide teams with options that suit their needs while ensuring we can make as many available across the province as possible. Note that we cannot, given the timeline and budget, switch (swap) items in and out of the bundles – please limit your application to what is available on the list that follows.

Additional Note 1 - As we are providing 5 years of technical support for CNTP technologies, any bundles containing laptops or iPads are not eligible for DEP enrollment or district purchases of these devices.

Additional Note 2 - Due to the success of the 2016-2017 Complex Needs Technology Project, we anticipate a large number of applications from across the province. It is highly unlikely we will be able to provide all the technology bundles requested so it is imperative that bundle requests are entered on the application form in **priority order**. Please help in providing provincial equity of resources by only requesting those bundles your team requires at this time.

Guidelines for Applications

Applications must:

- Be received no later than **4:00 p.m. November 30th, 2017.** (We will not accept/process applications past this deadline)
- Be submitted by the district team (i.e. **One application per district**)
- Identify the specific bundles the team feels would be most helpful in supporting their goal of assessing students or conducting short term trials for future Tier 3 service.
- Identify how the district team members plan on using the technology to build district capacity to support their complex needs students.
- Include any necessary permissions to share project outcome(s) including student photos/videos, example of work, staff interviews and so on depending on how the team utilizes the technology bundles.
- Be supported by district Student Support Services Administration and District IT department

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For more information...

If your team requires more information or has any questions about the Complex Needs Technology Project, please contact our Loan Bank at loanbank@setbc.org.

Available Technology Bundles

As technology changes rapidly, we may need to substitute a bundle item if no longer available. An appropriate substitute technology will be provided.

When completing the Complex Needs Technology Project application, please select from the bundles listed below:

AAC

Bundle 17A – Emerging Communication

- Big Mac
- Little Mac
- Big Step-by-Step
- Little Step-by-Step
- Partner Plus
- Boardmaker Plus (in application specify Win or Mac)
- Picture This addendum
- Universal Switch Mount
- Go Talk 9+

Bundle 17B – Intermediate Communication

- iPad
- Otterbox Case
- Snake Clamp Mount
- Scene and Heard
- Proloquo2Go
- TouchChat with Word Power

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Bundle 17C – Advanced Communication

- iPad
- Otterbox Case
- Snake Clamp Mount
- LAMP Words for Life
- NovaChat 10 with voices

VISION

Bundle 17D – Braille Access (laptop platform)

- Windows Laptop
- JAWS
- Duxbury
- Focus 40

Bundle 17E – Low Vision Access

- Windows Laptop
- Magnilink TTS
- Prodigy Connect 12 with camera

Bundle 17F – CVI

- iPad
- Otterbox Case
- Snake Clamp Mount
- Variety of CVI apps

PHYSICAL ACCESS

Bundle 17G – Physical Access – Tablet bundle

- Microsoft Surface
- 2 Jelly Bean Twist Switches
- Don Johnson Switch Interface
- Crick Switch Interface
- Switch Software
- Clicker 7

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Bundle 17H – Physical Access – Switch Bundle

- Proximity
- Specs Switch
- Microlight
- Pillow
- Big Red Twist
- Wobble
- Jelly Beamer
- DJ USB Switch Interface

Bundle 17I – Eyegaze: Assessment

- Toshiba Laptop
- PC Eye Explore
- Look to Learn
- Gaze Viewer
- E-Tran Board

Bundle 17K – Eyegaze: Communication

- Microsoft Surface Tablet
- Communicator 5
- Look to Learn
- Gaze Viewer
- QRM Desktop Mount System
- PC Eye Mobile Mini