



INDIANA EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER (IERC)

Policy for Loan of the *APH MATT Connect*

The MATT Connect is a magnifier, distance viewer, and an educational tablet with pre-loaded software - all in one device. Due to the limited quantity available at the IERC and a purchase price of \$3,895.00 from the American Printing House for the Blind, the following requirements must be met prior to the IERC fulfilling an order for a MATT Connect:

- Student must be an eligible student with a visual impairment, be registered in the IERC/AEM system as such, and have a current: 1) eye report; 2) functional vision assessment; and 3) functional literacy assessment, on file with school system, for review if needed, supporting need for the device.
and
- Student must have an Assistive Technology (AT) evaluation/assessment completed by a BLV teacher and/or a low vision specialist documenting an electronic/video magnification system as an appropriate accommodation, to be submitted to the Indiana Educational Resource Center.

The Outreach and Related Services Department at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ISBVI) will assist the LEAs with Assistive Technology Evaluations, if needed, through:

- Assessment at the LEA by ISBVI Outreach Consultant. If you do not have an AT evaluation/assessment on file for the student for an electronic/video magnification system and need assistance in completing an assessment, you can contact the Outreach Department at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ISBVI) at 317-253-1481, ext. 189, or visit their website at <https://www.in.gov/isbvi/outreach/services/>.

Upon receipt and review of the AT evaluation/assessment and the availability of the MATT Connect units for loan, the IERC will mail the unit to the school via a trackable mail service, or it can be picked up and signed for by the BLV or other designated LEA staff.

Important Note: In the event the IERC does not have available units in stock for loan, the ordering school corporation must have generated sufficient federal quota dollars during the annual for the IERC to purchase the unit from the American Printing House for the Blind. Federal quota funds can only be used to purchase materials for federal quota generating students.

***All MATT Connect units borrowed from the IERC must be returned at the end of each school year in working order.** The unit can be requested again if needed for the following year by the same student.

***Cost to repair/replace MATT Connects that are damaged (beyond normal wear and tear) will be covered by generated federal quota funds. If no federal quota funds are available, it will be the responsibility of the LEA to cover the repair or replacement fee.**

All questions regarding the MATT Connect should be directed to IERC Director, by calling 317-554-2740 or 800-833-2198 or Email: ierc@isbvik12.org.