

# HEAT

HIGHER  
EDUCATION  
ASSISTIVE  
TECHNOLOGY  
LENDING  
PROGRAM

PENNSYLVANIA'S INITIATIVE  
**PIAT**  
ON ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

A program of  
Pennsylvania's  
Initiative on Assistive  
Technology (PIAT)

## WHAT IS THE HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY LENDING PROGRAM (HEAT)?

The HEAT Program is an enhancement to Pennsylvania's Assistive Technology Lending Library, a short-term assistive technology device loan program that enables Pennsylvanians with disabilities the chance to "try before you buy". Trying devices helps people make good decisions about the assistive devices that will work best for them. **The HEAT Program, funded by a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, enables students in Pennsylvania's post-secondary programs—colleges, universities, vocational training schools—to borrow the equipment they need for up to one semester (15 to 16 weeks).**

### *In order to access the HEAT program, you must:*

- Be a part-time or full-time student attending a post-secondary program in PA
- Have a disability that requires specified AT in order to meet the academic demands of the institution
- Be enrolled with the office that serves students with disabilities at the post-secondary program.

***If you meet the above requirements, you will be able to BORROW ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY DEVICES FOR UP TO AN ENTIRE SEMESTER.***

If you do not meet these requirements, you may still be able to borrow devices through Pennsylvania's Assistive Technology Lending Library—but for a shorter length of time.

## WHAT EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY LENDING PROGRAM (HEAT)?

*Devices available include:*



- Vision aids, such as CCTVs and other magnifying systems
- Assistive listening devices
- Specialized software for reading, writing, and/or learning
- Organizational aids such as personal digital assistants (PDAs)
- Specialized instruments such as "talking" scientific calculators and amplified stethoscopes



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