Getting Started with Your

Dynamic Display Communication Device

Name of Device: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **Self-determination** | As much as possible have the student be responsible for the device right from the start. Establish a routine and provide a checklist if necessary so the student can get their device out of their backpack and place it on their desk first thing in the morning. Teach them to plug it in to charge or to ask someone to do it for them. A device checklist is available at [boardmakershare.com](http://www.boardmakershare.com/) |
| **Vocabulary files**  **and apps** | Level of representation: PCS SymbolStix  The vocabulary pageset recommended for this student is:  ALT Chat: MultiChat 15 PalmChat 4x9  NOVA: MultiChat 15 PalmChat 4x9  iPad: P2G \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ TouchChat \_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Other:  **Make a point to get familiar with the vocabulary that’s already there to find ways to incorporate the device into activities that are already occurring. This will also allow you to have a better idea of where to add additional vocabulary.** |
| **Device operation** | * The OCPS AT Team has developed a variety of quick starts, available upon request. * Remember to check for and run software updates * Software makes programming on the computer possible for some devices * Many devices have soft/hard resets if the device freezes * If you are having issues contact the vendor first (info below) |
| **How do I implement the device?** | Incorporate device use into frequently occurring, motivating activities.   * Arrange the environment to create communication opportunities – missing supplies, locked cabinets, items in view but out of reach * Give the student adequate time to respond – use the power of the pause * Limit prompting and allow the student to do it on their own * Provide aided language or modeling by using the device as you communicate   Raise your expectations – you might be surprised at what our students can do! |
| **Additional resources** | Vendor Websites:  Saltillo - [saltillo.com](http://saltillo.com/)  Dynavox – [www.dynavoxtech.com](http://www.dynavoxtech.com)  PRC – [www.prentrom.com](http://www.prentrom.com)  Assistiveware- [www.assistiveware.com](http://www.assistiveware.com)  Silver Kite- [www.silver-kite.com](http://www.silver-kite.com) or touchchatapp.com  Pagesets for some dynamic devices can be printed as back up manual systems – find them at [fdlrsregion3dynamicdisplaypages.wikispaces.com](http://fdlrsregion3dynamicdisplaypages.wikispaces.com/) |