



**HUS - Help Us Speak**  
Assistive Technology for  
Special Education Programs  
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## Background

Realizing that many children with special needs struggle with their communication skills and need access to assistive technology (AT) and/or augmentative and alternative



communication (AAC), Help Us Speak (HUS), a non-profit organization, was formed to encourage and support the efforts of special education teachers to integrate technology and communication software into their classrooms. HUS centers its focus on an AT/AAC model\* that



has been successfully implemented, integrated, and replicated in special education classrooms. The benefit of interactive technology has resulted in the growth of language, literacy, socialization, and cognitive abilities amongst all students, across all levels of challenge.

HUS members are dedicated to building awareness of the unique challenges children with disabilities face in accessing the curriculum and being educated. Through fund raising, HUS procures the necessary hardware and software for this model to be expanded to other classrooms servicing the educational needs of children with special needs.

## Our Vision

The vision of HUS is a technology rich classroom for children with special needs. Supplementing the experience, expertise and creativity of teachers with interactive



technology has proven to be viable and successful. HUS sees this practice as invaluable to helping children with special needs reach their full potential. With an increased amount of published data reporting the merits of interactive technology in general education classrooms,



HUS feels these technology tools can level the playing field for students with special needs and have far reaching effects... many beyond the classroom.