

Sample Teacher Grant Application

Project Title: Proloquo2go Modeling

Project Category: Social Skills; Communication; Technology

Amount Requested: \$250

Description of Material: Proloquo2Go Application for iPad: a voice for those who cannot speak. Symbol-supported communication app to promote language development and grow communication skills, from beginning to advanced communicators.

Description Intent: Nine students with autism on my caseload use Proloquo2go as a communication app as part of their alternative and augmentative communication system (AAC). They all have access to Proloquo2go as part of their IEP, but I, as their SLP, do not. We are lucky enough in our district to be provided iPads to best serve our students but we do not have access to Proloquo2go to model, prompt, hold a 2-way conversation, and provide a language rich AAC environment. Evidence based practices promote all of these actions to best serve users of AAC, especially students on the autism spectrum.

Objective Measure: Classroom; SLP

Objective: I recently attended a presentation about best practices for implementing AAC during the school day and at home. The three biggest things I took away from the presentation was 1.) Modeling 2.) Expanding and 3.) Conversing. Having my own dedicated Proloquo2go program on my device would allow me to model conversation, symbol selection and combinations and everyday use to not only students but classroom staff as well. Students would be able to see an adult (that's me!) using a device to be an effective communicator. I would also be able to use my own program to expand on their AAC utterances--just like with language development, with AAC users we strive to expand their symbol combinations to help them convey more messages and in more contexts as their communication abilities change and grow. Lastly, having a my own application would facilitate natural conversation with students while model AAC use and practicing the back and forth nature of conversation.

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