

# **Resources to Support Remote Learning**

The country is facing an unprecedented challenge in the face of the growing global health crisis. As schools close across the country, it is critical that we find new ways to provide quality education for all students. In the last few weeks, many organizations have provided states, districts, schools, educators, and communities with resources to support remote learning. We've compiled a targeted list of <u>FREE</u> resources that we'll update as we learn more together. We'd love to hear from you about what you're using and what's working! #inthistogether

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## For State, District, and School Leaders

#### **Government Guidance**

- **US Department of Education** provides official guidance for <u>serving students with disabilities</u>, <u>assessments and accountability under ESSA</u>, <u>maintaining student privacy rights (FERPA) during remote learning</u>, and <u>protecting students' civil rights during the crisis</u>.
- US Office of Civil Rights created a webinar for guidance on online education and website accessibility.
- US Department of Agriculture shared its flexibilities to feed children while school is closed.

### **Setting Up and Supporting Remote Learning for Students**

- **Foundation for Excellence in Education (ExcelinEd)** provided <u>a mailing with links to national sites</u> to help leaders care for students and communities.
- Education First shares insight into making the most of remote work as a school.
- Policy Innovators in Education (PIE) Network provides a daily, updated <u>rapid response resource list</u>.
- **Digital Promise Accelerating Innovation in Education** have developed an <u>ongoing resource page of exemplars</u> for schools and families as they prepare for online learning. Many reputable external links in a Q&A format.
- **State Education Technology Directors Association (SETDA)** has launched a <u>resource site</u> for state, district, and school leaders to support online learning.
- Louisiana Department of Education has a best-practice review process for instructional materials and developed an academic resources guide for COVID-19 based off of this review process.
- Chiefs for Change provides a resource list from different State and District agencies across the country.
- **Emerson Collective** offers a list that is organized like this <u>list divided into categories for leaders, teachers, and families</u>.
- **Brightworks** offers a specific <u>distance learning plan model</u> for reference. **Teachers of Tomorrow** also offers a list of virtual teaching resources, including <u>sample distance learning plans from school districts and CMOs</u>.
- **LearnPlatform** provides <u>free services to districts and states to help inventory ed tech products</u>, identify gaps and communicate with teachers and families. They are also compiling a list of ed tech offers of support.
- The Hunt Institute provides resources and state-specific links that cover the full education continuum.

### **Supporting English Language Learners**

- English Learners Success Forum lists <u>five essentials</u> districts and educators can do to support ELLs.
- The **Council of State Science Supervisors** has put together <u>editable documents in English</u>, <u>Arabic</u>, <u>and Spanish</u> for <u>ways that families can continue to support science learning at home</u>.
- **Learning Hero Roadmap** provides an <u>interactive guide for parents in English and Spanish</u> for what grade-level skills look like, including math, reading, and social-emotional learning.



### **Supporting Specialized Instruction and Student Supports**

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- **Bookshare** has <u>resources to help students with dyslexia, blindness, cerebral palsy, and other reading barriers</u> to continue learning during school closures.

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- CASEL provides important guidance for teachers about SEL and COVID-19.
- Ruler offers tips for managing anxiety for you and your students.
- Greater Good in Education provides free SEL activities and practices.
- Transforming Education has a <u>trauma-informed SEL toolkit</u>.
- Panorama Education provides a list of these and other SEL resources.

#### **Remote Professional Development for Teachers**

- **UT Austin Charles A. Dana Center** offers <u>robust support for K-12 math and science education</u> with teaching and learning, curriculum, and school and leadership resources.
- **Step by Step Learning** is offering a free Straight Talk by the Experts® webinar series that you can watch for free online with downloadable resources, including talks from Dr. Timothy Shanahan and Dr. Anita Archer.
- Colorado Department of Education offers a <u>variety of high-quality</u>, open source professional development resources, including complete course modules.
- **Student Achievement Partners** offers open-source <u>materials for professional learning</u>, including instructional practice toolkit, classroom videos, and webinars.

#### **CenterPoint Education Solutions Resources**

We are giving **FREE access** to the following resources through the end of the 2019-2020 school year:

- <u>Professional Resource Center (PRC)</u> houses a library of expertly developed professional learning tools, along with a curated, vetted collection of open education resources (OER).
- Interim assessments on the Previ Learn platform, an easy to use assessment delivery and reporting tool
- Digital and print-based formative tasks for grades K-2



# Hosting a Digital Classroom

- Google Classroom Get started using Google tools and products and read a post all about using Google
   Classroom to teach lessons remotely. Sites with ideas and tips for use: Make Google Classroom interactive and engaging; 10 basics every teacher should know in Google Classroom; Over 50 posts on Google Classroom tips
- **Zoom** Schools can apply for a free Basic account with unlimited minutes by completing this <u>online form</u>. Here is a <u>comprehensive guide</u> to using Zoom for the online classroom.
- Other **online learning platforms and tools** include but *are not limited to...* 
  - Moodle Robust, open-source learning management platform
  - o Edmodo Communication, collaboration, and learning management platform
  - o <u>ClassDojo</u> Assignment and communication platform; great for younger learners!
  - Seesaw Online assignment platform. Students use tools to take pictures, draw, record videos and more to capture learning in a portfolio. Teachers find or create activities to share with students.
  - <u>Playposit</u>, a web and Chrome-based interactive video and assessment tool that lets teachers add interactive elements, is offering free upgrade access covering over 400 learner accounts.
  - Flipgrid allows teachers to record a short video and then students to record a short video responding.
     Students can see others' videos & respond. A great idea to use with younger students to mimic a morning meeting or circle!
  - <u>Kialo Edu</u> is a custom, open source version of Kialo (kialo.com), the world's largest argument mapping and debate site, specifically designed for classroom use. This is a great tool for facilitating online discussions and Socratic seminars with a focus on amplifying student voice.
  - <u>Canva</u> allows teachers and students to work collaboratively to create presentations, infographics, websites, reports, worksheets, posters, flyers and signage. A tool for project-based learning.



### For Schools and Teachers

#### Planning, Guidance, and Tips

- **Digital Promise Accelerating Innovation in Education** has developed an <u>ongoing resource page of exemplars</u> for schools and families as they prepare for <u>online learning</u>. Many reputable external links in a Q&A format.
- **ISTE/EdSurge** (International Society for Technology in Education) have launched <u>LearningKeepsGoing.org</u> with online tools and resources from the EdTech community, including how to design online learning, directories of free online learning tools, and webinars led by EdTech experts. Offering new webinars every Friday.
- Louisiana Department of Education has a best-practice review process for instructional materials and developed an <u>academic resources guide</u> for COVID-19 based off this review process.
- TNTP provides a resource guide for developing lessons for home learning.
- Instruction Partners offers a comprehensive resource hub to support schools in remote learning.
- Charter School Growth Fund offers notes on approaches to instruction during school closure..
- **Teaching Tolerance** offers resources to supplement curriculum, to inform teacher practices, and to create civil and inclusive school communities. They have launched an important <u>remote learning resource page</u>.
- Policy Innovators in Education (PIE) Network provides a daily, updated rapid response resource list.
- **Tech for Learners** is a newly launched and regularly updated resource site with <u>a searchable database of online</u> learning products, resources and services.
- Edmentum is offering <u>free program access</u> to Study Island for Home, Study Island, and EdOptions Academy to any school or district who has shut down due to COVID-19. They also offer free webinars and additional resources.

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- Youth Communication offers thousands of <u>free compelling</u>, <u>true stores</u> by teens and are offering webinars and resources to help educators support social-emotional learning during the COVID-19 crisis. Good text and activity source for middle schoolers and up.

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#### **Professional Learning Resources**

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- **Colorado Department of Education** offers a <u>variety of high-quality, open source professional development</u> resources, including complete course modules.
- **UT Austin Charles A. Dana Center** offers <u>robust support for K-12 math and science education</u> with teaching and learning, curriculum, and school and leadership resources.
- **Student Achievement Partners** offers open-source <u>materials for professional learning</u>, including instructional practice toolkit, classroom videos, and webinars.

#### **ELA Resources**

- EL Education has a <u>Coronavirus Resource Center</u>, including curriculum connections for at-home learning, access
  to EL's Premium Library and online Canvas courses, and Projects at Home, an initiative derived from EL's library
  of high-quality student work.
- **Great Minds** has launched their *Knowledge on the Go* collection with daily updated <u>free videos of lessons for grades K-8 *Wit & Wisdom*</u>. They have provided a <u>free implementation guide</u> as well.
- Core Knowledge Foundation provides open access to content-rich curriculum materials for preschool to grade 8.
- Amplify has launched <u>resources for remote learning</u> for use of their curricular products, including ELA.
- **Scholastic** has a <u>learn-at-home site</u> with day-by-day ELA lesson activities for students to do at home. Families can use this on their own and/or teachers can plan to integrate activities into their plans.
- **UnboundEd** offers free, high-quality, standards-aligned <u>PK-12 ELA instructional materials</u>, <u>content guides</u>, and <u>bias toolkit to enhance knowledge of equity & standards</u>.
- **Student Achievement Partners** offers high-quality open-source classroom resources, including <u>ELA lessons and assessments</u>.
- Louisiana Department of Education has open source ELA guidebooks with daily lesson plans and materials.
- **Newsela** is offering temporary <u>free access to their entire content suite</u> for the remainder of the 19-20 school year. <u>CommonLit</u> and <u>ReadWorks</u> are also quality free print and online resources with guidance for educators.
- National Emergency Library is offering a <u>collection of books to support emergency remote teaching</u>. Local public libraries are also a great source for digital texts!
- New York Times Learning Network is offering temporary free access to <u>daily writing prompts based on NYT</u>
   articles, pictures and data visuals for students 13 and older. Moderated comments feature for class or open discussion.
- Curriculum Associates is offering temporary free printable home packets and online iReady Reading content.
- Quill is a free, interactive online tool to help students in grades 3-12 with writing and grammar.
- **ReadWriteThink** provides activities and projects, games and tools, tips and how-to's, printouts and more to focus on reading and writing for grades K-12.

#### **Math Resources**

- Illustrative Mathematics provides <u>free access to their library of mathematics curriculum</u>, instructional tasks, and resources for shifting to remote learning, as well as math resources for families and planning for Spring 2020.
- **Great Minds** has launched *Knowledge on the Go* with <u>written materials for math (K-12) and *Eureka Math* daily instructional videos (K-8).</u>
- Amplify has launched resources for remote learning for use of their curricular products, including Math.
- **Zearn** is offering temporary <u>open access to the use of the curriculum</u> for grades K-5. Access includes over 400 hours of digital lessons with on-screen teachers and remediation.



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#### **Social Studies & Science Resources**

- **Core Knowledge Foundation** also offers open source, content-rich curricula in <u>History and</u> Geography and Science for grades K-8.
- Great Minds PhD Science for grades 3-5 has free video lessons available via their Knowledge on the Go initiative.
- Amplify has launched <u>resources for remote learning</u> for use of their curricular products, including ELA, Math, and Science.
- Open Science Education offers free high-quality instructional materials aligned to the CCSS.
- iCivics, founded by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, has open source materials to improve students' civic knowledge, attitudes, and core literacy skills. They are offering advice for creating a <u>remote learning toolkit</u> for teachers.
- Common Sense Media has tips for teaching kids media smarts during breaking news, like COVID-19.
- **Discovery Education** offers online K-12 curriculum for free through the end of the school year.
- **Code.org** has a <u>weekly webcast and challenge to teach computer science</u> even for students without computers!
- The **Council of State Science Supervisors** has put together <u>editable documents in English</u>, <u>Arabic</u>, <u>and Spanish</u> for ways that families can continue to support science learning at home.

### **Art & Physical Education Resources**

- Hosted through The Kennedy Center on YouTube, author Mo Willems is hosting a <u>Lunch Doodles series</u> for students to draw along with the famed author.
- Take a virtual 360-degree tour of the <u>artistic collections of the Vatican in Rome</u>.
- <u>GoNoodle</u> provides movement activities and lessons.
- **Joe Wicks**, known as The Body Coach, is <u>holding kids' P.E. classes every weekday</u>. Videos go live at 9 am each day. The workouts are designed to be kid friendly, will last about 30 minutes, and won't need much space so they can be done indoors.
- Cosmic Kids Yoga offers yoga, mindfulness and relaxation for kids.

### **Early Education & Foundational Skills Resources**

- Florida Center for Reading Research (FCRR) collected and created <u>Student center activities for reading/spelling in grades K-5</u>. There are matching Teacher Resource Guides that offer important insights on differentiated instruction and how to use Student Center materials.
- **Flyleaf Publishing** is offering temporary <u>free access to decodable readers</u> that follow their phonics scope and sequence. There is direct access links designed for teachers and students.



- Lalilo- an <u>adaptive online phonics program is offering temporary free premium access to content for students</u> and teachers. It includes a teacher data dashboard to track students' learning paths and plan for support.
- Starfall offers educational games, stories, and lessons for students in grades PK-3.
- Wilson Language Training has a support page for how to continue supporting students' use of Fundations, Just Words, and Wilson Reading System at home.
- Read Naturally is a <u>web-based fluency intervention program</u> offering temporary free access to schools. One
  master account per school should be made and multiple teacher accounts can be created to manage students'
  work.
- Letterland Phonics released temporary free digital and teaching resources, including decodable texts.
- Learning A-Z offering free access to Raz-Kids and Headsprout to those schools that don't have these products free through the end of the 2019-2020 school year. It offers online materials for 29 reading levels with interactive features and guizzes. Includes material for English Language Learners.
- Read-alouds Vooks animated storybooks is offering temporary <u>free teacher membership</u>. <u>Storyline Online</u> features celebrated actors reading children's books. Other read-aloud options include <u>Storynory</u> and <u>Storyberries</u> (audio only).
- Fordham Institute has a post with resources for preschoolers learning at home.

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- Control Alt Achieve has a list of Google Chrome extensions for students with learning differences.
- NYC Department of Education offers Learn at Home tips to help families of students with specialized needs.
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- **Discovery Education** offers <u>virtual field trips</u> that let you take students on visits around the globe without leaving home.
- See this additional curated list field trips for early learners.

#### **Other Lists**

 An updated-daily comprehensive list of MANY free educational sites with explanations of how to use each site: <a href="http://www.amazingeducationalresources.com/">http://www.amazingeducationalresources.com/</a>



- A <u>curated list of videos</u>, <u>podcasts</u>, <u>and learning tools</u> by <u>Michael Petrilli</u>, <u>President of the Thomas B. Fordham Institute</u>
- Emerson Collective offers a list divided into categories for leaders, teachers, and families.
- **Next Generation Learning Challenges** has a special site with a crowd-sourced resource hub <u>for remote and virtual settings</u>.



#### **Additional Resources**

- Age of Learning offers temporary <u>free access to ABC Mouse, Adventure Academy and Reading IQ for K-8</u> students; Redeem with code: School7771
- <u>Home Learning Choice Board</u> Provides hyperlinks for different instructional categories of activities students can complete.
- **BrainPOP** offers <u>activities for students</u> to discover, play and create with topics across the curriculum.
- **NYC Department of Education** has a <u>Learn at Home page</u> with supplementary learning resources for all students.
- Khan Academy is providing guidance for schools, parents, and teachers using their resources.
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### For Families

### **Preparing for Digital Learning**

- **Digital Promise Accelerating Innovation in Education** have developed an <u>ongoing resource page of exemplars</u> for families as they prepare for online learning.
- Here's a <u>parents' guide</u> for how to use **Google Classroom**.
- **NYC Department of Education** has a <u>Learn at Home page</u> with supplementary learning resources for all students, including support for students needing specialized instruction and supports.
- **Learning Hero Roadmap** provides an <u>interactive guide for parents in English and Spanish</u> for what grade-level skills look like, including math, reading, and social-emotional learning.
- Common Sense Media provides a webpage for families with activities, resources, and more.
- **EdNavigator** provides tips for families supporting remote learning at home.
- Adobe launched <u>free creative cloud tools</u> for K-12 students offered through May 31, 2020.

#### **Internet Access**

- Google Classroom works with PS4 and Xbox One browsers. Google Hangouts is available for free to anyone with
  access to Google Suite.
- **EveryoneOn** is providing services to help families identify free or low-cost internet options in their area.
- Spectrum / Charter offers Internet Assist for qualifying households. They are now also offering free broadband and wifi for new customers with K-12 students for 60 days.
- Comcast is offering their Internet Essentials package <u>free to new customers for 60 days</u>.
- AT&T is <u>lifting overage fees and data caps</u>. All AT&T home Internet Wireline customers, as well as Fixed Wireless
  Internet customers, can use unlimited data. AT&T will continue to offer \$10/mo access from service for
  qualifying customers.
- **Sprint** is offering 3GB per month of free home internet access, as well as <u>hotspots and tablets</u> that connect using their 4G LTE wireless network.

#### **Social-Emotional Learning and Well Being**

- Move this World provides activities, worksheets, and resources for supporting mental health at home.
- Common Sense Media has tips for teaching kids media smarts during breaking news, like COVID-19.
- They also have a good <u>list of meditation apps for kids</u>.
- National Association of School Psychologists has a parents' resource for talking to children about COVID-19.
- Panorama Education has a list of these and other SEL resources for families.



#### **ELA Resources**

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- Reading Rockets has developed a set of reading packs for young learners (grades PK-3) around paired fiction and nonfiction books, including follow-up activities.

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- **Zearn** is a <u>high-quality mathematics curriculum for students in grades K-5</u>. The company is offering temporary open access to the use of the curriculum with guidance for parents.
- **ST Math** is offering free access through June 30 to its <u>web-based visual math instructional program for K-8</u> students.
- **Dreambox Learning** is offering a free 90-day subscription to parents, including <u>access to 2000 math lessons</u> <u>adapted to individual student needs in grades K-8.</u>

#### **Social Studies & Science Resources**

- The classic Bill Nye-The Science Guy series offers many topical videos.
- Mystery Science is offering popular science lessons for easy copy-paste use.
- <u>National Geographic for Kids</u> has games, videos, articles and quizzes.
- The **Council of State Science Supervisors** has <u>documents in English, Arabic, and Spanish</u> with ways that families can continue to support science learning at home.

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- **PBS Kids** has a weekday newsletter that families can sign up for with <u>activities and tips to help kids play and</u> learn at home.



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- BrainPOP offers activities for students to discover, play and create with topics across the curriculum.
- **Khan Academy** is providing guidance for how to use their resources in a <u>daily schedule</u>. Khan Academy offers content in multiple subjects, with many resources for math. When using the platform, students can navigate the site independently, click on links within a subject and learn through videos and practice questions, unable to move on to the next skill until they've advanced through the current one.
- Home Learning Choice Board Provides hyperlinks for different instructional categories of activities students can complete.
- A <u>School Meal Finder tool</u> from **Hoonuit** to help families find meal sites while schools are closed.