

Special Education Services Online Learning Resources



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Special Education Community,

We understand the concern and uncertainty you may be experiencing surrounding the coronavirus and the impact on children with special needs. We want to support the transition to at-home learning for teachers, students, and families by providing information and resources that we hope you will find useful during this time away from the traditional classroom.

We encourage you to share this information and resources with whomever you feel would benefit.

Thank you for all you do to support students and learning. We know that together we are all better.

Students

► **ABC Mouse – Free 30 day trial**

The step-by-step learning paths found in ABC Mouse is designed with more than 850 lessons in ten levels for math, reading, social studies, and science.

<https://www.abcmouse.com/abt/homepage>

► **Adventure Academy – First month free with subscription**

Students up to age 13 play games to learn across a range of topics (math, reading, social studies, science and more), while also creating their online persona and interacting with others in the game.

<https://www.adventureacademy.com/>

► **Astro Viewer - Free**

The International Space Station (ISS) can easily be spotted with the naked eye. Because of its size (110m x 100m x 30m), it reflects a large amount of sunlight. This site provides the view from the ISS directly down to earth.

<https://www.astroviewer.net/iss/en/>

► **BrainPop (and BrainPop Jr) – Offering free use during this school impact**

BrainPop offers in-depth learning on topics across the curriculum for upper elementary and middle school students. Each topic includes videos, quizzes, related reading, and even coding activities.

<https://www.brainpop.com/>

<https://jr.brainpop.com/>

► **Engineer Girl - Free**

This website highlights amazing women in engineering to inspire the next generation. It also provides activities.

<https://www.engineergirl.org/>

► **Freckle By Renaissance– Free with a premium option available**

Freckle is a differentiated instruction resource that empowers students to learn at their level. (Math, ELA, Social Studies, Science)

<https://www.freckle.com/>

► **IXL (Math, ELA, Science, Social Studies, Spanish) – Family membership \$9.95 monthly**
IXL helps students master essential skills at their own pace through fun and interactive questions, built-in support, and motivating awards.
<https://www.ixl.com/>

► **Khan Academy - Free**
Khan Academy's library of trusted, standards-aligned practice and lessons covers math K-12 through early college, grammar, science, history, AP®, SAT®, and more. It's all free for learners and teachers.
<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

► **Kid Zone (National Center on Improving Literacy) - Free**
The Kid Zone! is a place where students can build literacy skills in a fun and interactive way.
<https://improvingliteracy.org/kid-zone>

► **National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) Online Resources - Free**
NCTM is committed to offering standards-based resources that improve the teaching and learning of mathematics for every student.
<https://www.nctm.org/Classroom-Resources/More-Online-Resources-from-NCTM/>

► **National Library of Virtual Manipulatives - Free**
A library of uniquely interactive, web-based virtual manipulatives and concept tutorials.
<http://nlvm.usu.edu/en/nav/vlibrary.html>

► **NoRedInk - Free with a premium option available**
NoRedInk provides the foundational writing skills students need while differentiating to their specific ability levels and interests.
<https://www.noredink.com/>

► **PBS Kids - Free**
Educational games and videos from Curious George, Wild Kratts, and other PBS KIDS shows!
<https://pbskids.org/>

► **Playbill**
If you can't make it to New York City or just want to see a show you may have missed, there's an ever-growing list of productions available to watch wherever you are.
<https://www.playbill.com/article/15-broadway-plays-and-musicals-you-can-watch-on-stage-from-home?fbclid=IwAR260fNkDd0v3P7szvrOUWi9jySEuDNRAqJsq9QwwyYyHYaocbEgd0fubCU>

► **Scholastic Classroom Magazines and Learn from Home– Free 30 day trial**
Scholastic Magazines combine engaging print magazines with powerful digital resources to build knowledge, engagement, and skills in every content area.
<https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/>
<https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>

► **Space.com - Free**
Videos from space.
<https://www.youtube.com/user/VideoFromSpace>

► **Spot the Station - Free**
Spot the Station provides a list of upcoming space sighting opportunities from your location. Several times a week, Mission Control at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, TX, determines sighting opportunities for over 6,700 locations worldwide.
<https://spotthestation.nasa.gov/sightings/index.cfm>

Parents

► **Bedtime Math – Free activities**

In response to the sudden demand for learning at home, Bedtime Math has taken their engaging, research-proven after-school math activities and presented them here for families to use.

<http://bedtimemath.org/fun-math-at-home/>

► **Bill Nye the Science Guy - Free**

Episodes from the original Bill Nye the Science Guy series.

<https://www.billnye.com/>

► **Bob the Builder – Free activities**

Join the Bob the Builder parent community to share moments of fun, teamwork, and problem-solving with little builders around the world.

<http://www.bobthebuilder.com/en-us/>

► **Climate Kids - Free**

The Earth Science Communications Team produces climate Kids at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. This interactive site offers games, activities, and videos.

<https://climatekids.nasa.gov/>

► **Described and Captioned Media Program (DCMP)– Free with qualified application**

Streaming TV and movies, DVDs, interactive media, resources, and more.

DCMP educates students with sensory disabilities, along with their parents and teachers. Their major network-produced, educational content is carefully customized to serve the needs of K-12 students.

<https://dcmp.org/>

► **edHelper.com – Free worksheet and activities (Basic yearly membership is \$19.99)**

Daily free learning workbooks for parents while schools are closed - Kids will do these!

<https://www.edhelper.com/>

► **Google Arts and Culture**

Discover artworks, collections, and stories from all around the world all online.

<https://artsandculture.google.com/>

► **Indianapolis Public Library Free Video Read Alouds**

When your children are at home, read-along stories is a great way to fill what can be hours of sitting, into a lot of fun!

<https://www.indypl.org/blog/for-parents/free-video-read-alouds>

► **Internet Special Education Resources (ISER) - Free**

Distance learning may offer just the right mix of structure and flexibility. Serious distance learning for your child with special educational needs has become a viable alternative or supplement.

<https://www.iser.com/distance-learning.html>

► **Prodigy - Free**

The math problems presented in the game reinforce what your child is learning in school.

<https://www.prodigygame.com/>

► **Read-Aloud Routine Bookmark Guide - Free**

The bookmark guides parents in teaching children new vocabulary words and interacting with children during reading time to support language and comprehension development. The bookmark and training presentations are available in both English and Spanish.

https://www.elitetexas.org/files/downloads/ReadAloud_Web.pdf

► **Starfall – Home membership is \$35**

The program emphasizes exploration, plan, and positive reinforcement – encouraging children to become confident and intrinsically motivated. Starfall is especially useful for special education, homeschooling, and English language development.

<https://www.starfall.com/h/>

► **Vooks – Free 30 day trial**

A kid-safe, ad-free streaming library of read-aloud animated storybooks. Storytime is a great way to connect with your child, to share exciting stories and pictures, and to increase your child's understanding of the world.

<https://www.vooks.com/parent-resources>

Teachers

► **Amplify Reading – Currently providing free access**

Amplify reading is a digital, adaptive, K–5 supplemental literacy program that provides remediation and enrichment for all students in building skills in decoding, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, and close reading through age-appropriate adventures.

[Amplify Reading](#)

► **Best Practices for Educating Online (CEC Document)**

This guide will walk you through best practices, teaching strategies, and tips and tricks for delivering high-quality instruction and therapy online with a quick turnaround.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uxwKknWi_xq6qoX87X0ZsL0irMqs76bfCNA6Qu9_HTw/edit

► **Boardmaker Online – Free 30 day trial**

Boardmaker Online provides a multi-level approach to creating engaging print and interactive materials for your students' special education needs.

<https://www.boardmakeronline.com/Login.aspx>

► **ClassDojo - Free**

Teachers can encourage students for any skill or value — whether it's working hard, being kind, helping others or something else

<https://www.classdojo.com/>

► **CommonLit - Free**

CommonLit is a nonprofit education technology organization dedicated to ensuring that all students graduate with the reading, writing, communication, and problem-solving skills they need to be successful in college and beyond.

<https://www.commonlit.org/>

► **Discovery Education Virtual Field Trips**

They specialize in K-8 social studies, life science, geography, and ancient civilization curriculum content. The website has online learning videos and quizzes along with a list of the national and state standards that the videos align with.

<https://www.discoveryeducation.com/community/virtual-field-trips/>

► **Edmodo - Free**

Edmodo is a global education network that helps connect all learners with the people and resources needed to reach their full potential.

<https://new.edmodo.com/?go2url=%2Fhome>

► **Edublogger - Free**

Thousands of teachers worldwide are currently sharing snippets of their experiences via social media or their blogs. This site has compiled, curated, and built on some common themes and ideas to create this extensive guide.

<https://www.theedublogger.com/teaching-online-school-closure>

► **Emotional ABCs – Memberships available (Individual, family, and school)**

This online program uses an effective curriculum to teach the necessary emotional life skills. Developed with psychologists, therapists, and educators. Emotional ABCs builds skills step-by-step using short videos and interactive activities,

<https://www.emotionalabcs.com/>

► **Eureka Math (Great Minds) – Free at this time**

Great Minds offers the Eureka Math curriculum as PDF downloads for free. The curriculum is accompanied by a selection of instructional materials and support resources for teachers at no cost.

<https://greatminds.org/math>

► **Farmer's Almanac for Kids - Free**

Interactive Farmer's Almanac for Kids.

<https://www.almanac.com/kids>

► **Flipgrid - Free**

Flipgrid is a video discussion platform from Microsoft that helps millions of educators across the world better engage with and hear from their students. To use Flipgrid, educators post discussion prompts and students respond, anytime and anywhere, with short videos.

<https://blog.flipgrid.com/news/familylearning>

► **Global Online Academy**

GOA has outlined 15 strategies to help guide your thinking in creating online learning environments for students when the physical school building is closed.

<https://globalonlineacademy.org/insights/articles/15-strategies-for-online-learning-when-school-is-closed>

► **Google Classroom - Free**

With Classroom, educators can create classes, distribute assignments, grade and send feedback, and see everything in one place.

https://edu.google.com/products/classroom/?modal_active=none

► **Kahoot - Free**

Kahoot believes that there should be no limits to when and where you can learn. Engage students in learning even when they are not in class and stay on track with the curriculum while instruction online.

<https://kahoot.com/schools/distance-learning/>

► **LearnZillion – Free and purchase options**

With comprehensive digitized curricula that come with built-in, in-the-moment supports, teachers are empowered to focus on meeting the needs of all students. The platform frees teachers to connect with individual students, engage creatively, and customize the curriculum for a more significant impact in math and ELA.

<https://learnzillion.com/p/>

► **Moby Max – Free with purchasing options available**

This differentiated learning site provides instruction across a wide array of elementary subjects. Teachers and districts can receive online training on effectively using the site.

<https://www.mobymax.com/>

► **Mystery Science - Free**

Mystery Science offers digital video mini-lessons for science subjects K-5.

<https://mysteryscience.com/>

► **National Geographic - Free**

Your class can join virtual expeditions with National Geographic Explorers, and students can explore their curiosity with our innovative challenges and competitions.

<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/education/classroom-resources/>

► **Nearpod – Free membership (Lessons vary in price)**

Make digital learning dynamic and collaborative with immersive activities and formative assessments like virtual reality and game-based quizzes delivered through one seamless learning experience.

<https://nearpod.com/>

► **News2You (n2y) – Free activities and information**

Free access to n2y solutions for remote learning during school closures. This program includes standards-based academic content, assessment and data collection, a weekly newspaper, symbol communication tools, skill-based games, and behavior management.

<https://www.n2y.com/trial/#2>

► **Newsela - Free**

Authentic news content turned into classroom-ready learning materials. Free Newsela resources to help students understand coronavirus.

<https://newsela.com/>

► **PebbleGo – Free to a district in need of online learning**

If you find your school or district in a situation where you will need to rely on remote technology to continue teaching and learning, PebbleGo is here to support you.

<https://www.pebblego.com/free-pebblego-capstone-interactive-access-school-closures?fbclid=IwAR0sd1y98QmhORpmGBYWOaKT2Usxet2TbnlUtqc7jhEKKeG89cFiE7krtOI>

► **Positive Engagement Project (Concept Learning Bricks) – Free learning games and strategies**

Concept Learning Bricks are intended to introduce and lay the foundation for major mathematical standards and academic vocabulary for students.

<http://www.pepnonprofit.org/the-learning-wall-math.html>

► **Raz-Kids – Free trial**

Raz-Kids delivers hundreds of interactive, leveled eBooks spanning 29 levels.

<https://www.raz-kids.com/>

► **Reading IQ – First month free with membership (\$7.99 monthly)**

A comprehensive digital library is offering books, magazines, comics, and more for kids from ages 2-12. It's a smart replacement for library time right now and makes it possible for teachers to monitor what and how much their students are reading.

<https://www.readingiq.com/>

► **ReadTheory - Free**

Personalized reading comprehension exercises for K-12 and EL students.

<https://readtheory.org/>

► **Readtopia – Free 30 day trial**

Readtopia is a special education instructional program designed for teachers who work with middle and high school students with autism and other complex needs. It serves as an integrated, comprehensive reading curriculum across several domains of study, including ELA, Math, Social Studies, Life Skills, and Science.

<https://learningtools.donjohnston.com/product/readtopia/>

► **Sanford Programs – Currently offering free membership**

The Sanford Harmony Online Learning Portal provides PreK-6th grade teachers with everything they need to successfully integrate Harmony's' social-emotional learning program into the classroom, including training, lessons, activities, videos, stories, games, and songs.

<https://online.sanfordprograms.org/>

► **Seesaw - Free**

Students explore a variety of powerful and intuitive tools (like draw+record, collage, video, and more!) to show what they know in the way that works best for them.

<https://web.seesaw.me/>

► **Science Spot - Free**

The Science Spot is a source for FREE lessons, activities, and resources for middle school Teachers.

<https://sciencespot.net/>

► **Shmoop – Free trial (Membership \$14.99 monthly)**

Expand on your curricula with our standards-aligned online courses. Along with the typical high school fare, Shmoop's 400+ courses offer subjects like Accounting to Young Adult Literature and everything in between.

<https://www.shmoop.com/plans/online-courses>

► **Smithsonian Learning Lab - Free**

Resources, training, and support to assist caregivers, teachers, and students as they face new learning Challenges. Smithsonian Learning Lab puts the treasures of the world's largest museum, education, and research complex within reach.

<https://learninglab.si.edu/>

► **TeachTown**

TeachTown focuses exclusively on children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), developmental and intellectual disabilities, and emotional and behavioral disorders.

(TeachTown Middle Social Skills offers teachers a comprehensive curriculum to teach crucial social skills, with a focus on increasing emotional intelligence and building self-management skills.)

eb.teachtown.com/products/middle-school-social-skills/

► **TedEd**

Browse hundreds of TED-Ed animations - short, award-winning videos that will spark the curiosity of your learners. You'll also find thousands of other video-based lessons organized by the subjects you teach.

<https://ed.ted.com/>

► **Write2Learn – Pilot programs available upon request**

This web-based program evaluates students' understanding of the text, not just grammar and spelling. It also gives teachers the ability to deliver on-demand, personalized feedback.

WriteToLearn is a web-based tool for building writing skills and reading comprehension in grades 4-12.

<https://www.pearsonassessments.com/professional-assessments/products/programs/write-to-learn.html>

► **XtraMath - Free**

A nonprofit organization dedicated to math achievement for all with activities for achieving math fact proficiency.

<https://xtramath.org/#/home/index>

► **Zoom – Currently providing free access and resources**

This site is here to help you most effectively use Zoom as we all navigate the coronavirus pandemic. Teachers, administrators, and students can successfully spin up virtual classrooms, participate in online classes, and use Zoom for distance education:

<https://zoom.us/docs/en-us/covid19.html>

Note

The Oklahoma State Department of Education recommends that consumers review all terms of agreement prior to signing up for services.

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