

Special Education & Student Support Resources for Families & Educators



West Virginia DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION

Resource	Description	Appropriate Grade Levels	Best for Families or Educators?
Special Education			
Autism			
Zac Browser	Resources educators can use to assist students with autism.	K-12	Families and Educators
The Autistic Brain: Thinking Across the Spectrum” by Dr. Temple Grandin	An interview with Dr. Temple Grandin that discusses the way students with autism think.	K-12	Families and Educators
Autism Classroom Resources	Informative classroom resources and podcasts.	K-12	Families and Educators
Social Story on the COVID-19 Virus	A sample social story that you can use to help students with autism understand more about COVID-19.	K-12	Families and Educators
Blind/Low Vision			
Bookshare	A collection of 208 fiction and non-fiction books of varying grade levels. Bookshare makes reading easier for individuals with blindness and other reading barriers.	K-12	Families and Educators
Pathways to Literacy	Great ideas for engaging children with visual impairments in meaningful activities.	K-12	Families and Educators
Perkins School for the Blind	Innovative programs and services for individuals with vision loss. Offers professional development opportunities.	K-12	Educators
Deafblind			
National Center on Deaf-Blindness	National technical assistance center working to improve the quality of life for children who are deafblind and their families.	K-12	Families and Educators
The Open Hands, Open Access (OHOA)	Deafblind Intervener Learning Modules	K-12	Families and Educators
Deaf/Hard of Hearing			
ASLU American Sign Language University	Free ASL I, II and III lessons, as well as additional resources including: fingerspelling and number practice, PowerPoints, and quizzes	K-12	Families and Educators
Supporting Success for Kids with Hearing Loss	Resources for children with hearing loss.	K-12	Families and Educators
Cochlear	Age-appropriate resources to help maximize hearing. The training programs include fun and engaging activities from early listening to more complex conversations to use of technology.	K-12	Families and Educators

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Emotional/Behavior Disorder			
Child Mind Institute	Tips for calming anxiety during a difficult time.	K-12	Families and Educators
National Association of School Psychologists (NASP)	Talking to Children About COVID-19 (Coronavirus): A Parent Resource.	K-12	Families
Common Sense Media	How to balance screen-time and movement.	Pre-k - 12	Families and Educators
Gifted			
Gifted Guru: Resources for Learning at Home	Resources for learning at home including non-technology activities.	1-8	Families and Educators
Khan Academy Suggested Schedules for Home Instruction	A suggested schedule by grade levels for activities. Links are provided for content activities.	Pre-k - 12	Families and Educators
Intellectual Disabilities (Mild, Moderate, and Severe)			
Special Needs for Special Kids	10 days of free lessons for social studies and science. New lessons available every 2 weeks. Specially designed for students with intellectual disabilities.	K-12	Educators
Coronavirus PCS Symbols-PCS Update	Free Boardmaker symbols for coronavirus conversation and instruction.	K-12	Families and Educators
Specific Learning Disability			
Accessibyte	Accessibyte makes fun, funky, fully accessible apps for users who are blind, visually impaired, deaf, dyslexic, or have other reading difficulties. The apps can be accessed on Chromebook, iPad, Mac, Windows or Android Devices.	K-12	Families
National Center on Improving Literacy's Kid Zone	Use Kid Zone to help your elementary-age child build literacy skills in a fun and interactive way. In the Kid Zone, you and your child can access e-books, audiobooks and stream videos of stories read aloud. Follow the adventures of Kayla, a girl with dyslexia, in an original comic series, or find cool games that focus on different literacy skills.	K-5	Families
Speech-Language Impaired			
100 Free Teachers Pay Teachers Activities for Speech Therapy	100 free activities divided into the areas of articulation, voice, fluency, language, and social communication. A free Teachers Pay Teachers account is required.	Pre-k - 8	Speech-Language Pathologists and Families
Guidance from ASHA	Regularly updated COVID-19 guidance from the American Speech and Hearing Association on provision of services including teletherapy.	Pre-k - 12	Speech-Language Pathologist
Telepractice Activities for Speech Therapy	This Pinterest page has 157 links to activities that can be used in telepractice.	K-5	Speech-Language Pathologist

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Student Support			
Assistive Technology			
Resources for Students with Learning Disabilities	A list of learning disabilities and low-tech to high-tech assistive technology choices	2-12	Educators and Families
Family Engagement			
Child Mind Institute	Every day, the Child Mind Institute will publish a video and social tile with a tip for supporting families through the coronavirus crisis.	Pre-k - 12	Families
PBS Learning Media	PBS LearningMedia is a digital media library that provides direct access to thousands of resources for free. This resource is for students and families dealing with school closures. Aligned to WV Learning Standards, PBS LearningMedia producers and educators have come together to curate a special collection of resources organized by grade and subject area. Find videos, lessons and activities that support learning with families from home.	Pre-k - 12	Families and Educators
Recursos de PreK-12 para Cierres de Emergencia (Spanish Version of PBS Learning Media)	PBS LearningMedia es una biblioteca de medios digitales GRATUITA que proporciona acceso directo a miles de recursos de forma gratuita. Este recurso es para estudiantes y familias que se ocupan de los cierres de escuelas. Los recursos están ligados a los Estándares de Aprendizaje WV. Los productores y educadores de PBS LearningMedia se han unido para comisariar una colección especial de recursos organizados por grado y área temática. Encuentre videos, lecciones y actividades que apoyen el aprendizaje con las familias desde casa.	Pre-k - 12	Familias y Estudiantes
Scholastic Learn-at-Home	Day-by-day projects to keep kids learning, thinking and growing. 20 days' worth of active learning journeys designed to reinforce and sustain educational opportunities for those students who are unable to attend school.	Pre-k - 12	Families and Educators
Mental Health			
Central East MHTTC	Free webinars and other online opportunities for mental health providers and school support staff.	K-12	Administrators, Mental Health Providers, Support Staff
Teaching Tolerance	A Trauma-Informed Approach to Teaching Through Coronavirus - Experts from the NCTSN share their recommendations for educators supporting students during the COVID-19 crisis.	K-12	Educators
USA Mental Health First Aid	Concerns During COVID-19: Anxiety, Depression, Mental Health First Aid, New Self-Care.	K-12	Educators

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School Health			
CDC Guidance	The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease, Coronavirus Disease 2019 or COVID-19 and NASN is monitoring the CDC response.	K-12	School Nurses
Social-Emotional Learning (SEL)			
insideSEL	SEL Resources for Parents, Educators & School Communities Related to COVID-19	Pre-k - Adult	Families and Educators
Sanford Harmony Online Learning Portals	Sanford Harmony – Free, online access to SEL tools for PK–6th grade. Sanford Inspire- Free, on-demand professional learning modules and resources to help teachers improve their practice and encourage Pre-k – 12th grade students to become enthusiastic, engaged learners. National University - Professional development website to guide educators in understanding and providing SEL.	Pre-k - 12	Educators
Too Good	Free, online access to activities adapted from the Too Good programs at each grade level.	K-12	Families and Educators
Teaching Remotely			
Resources for Teaching Remotely	Support for Special Education professionals to apply good teaching practices remotely.	Pre-k - 12	Educators
Teaching Special Education Online During COVID-19	Veteran online instructors help identify steps to move instruction online and provide strategies for adapting the lessons already in motion to this new format. Original air date of recorded webinar is March 19, 2020.	K-12	Educators
Transition/Post-Secondary			
Improving Post- Secondary Outcomes for All Students with Disabilities	Resources for Educators Assembling At-Home Packets: General Educational Resources, Special Educational Resources, Assessment and Planning, Planning guides focusing on: Secondary transition planning, Employment, Independent Living, Budgeting, Independent Living, Lesson Plan Starters, Recreation and Leisure, Disability Specific Resources in Response to COVID-19.	6-12	Families and Educators
Pathways to the Future	Explore jobs and careers, education/training after high school, independent living skills, partners and programs.	K-12	Families and Educators
Trauma			
The National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN)	This resource helps parents and caregivers think about how an infectious disease outbreak might affect their family— both physically and emotionally—and what they can do to help their family cope.	Pre-k - Adult	Parents/Caregivers