

How can families support student learning at home?

Parents, families, and home guardians play a critical role in learning at home. Since no two families are alike, families can support their children in a variety of ways.

Don't Forget!

- **Student, family, and community physical and emotional well-being are important!** As schools close, and the news cycle is dominated by information about COVID-19 and it may be frightening or confusing to children. Take care of your child's emotional and health needs during this time. Do not neglect your own needs, and reach out to available community networks and resources.
- **Home-based learning is unique and should not try to recreate school.** Trying to support school-like learning in a home setting may frustrate teachers, students, and families. Work with your child to have meaningful learning experiences that connect to your home lives, interests, and identities.

Recommended Actions You Take

- **Model the Learning Process.** You don't have to be an expert! One of the most supportive things you can do is to be a partner in your child's investigations and thinking. Think out loud or describe what you are doing as you do it, whether it is cooking, fixing something, taking care of pets, or other housework. Ask questions, even when you do not know the answer!
- **Be a Thought Partner.** Support your child's reasoning using ["talk prompts" for investigation](#). You can ask your child questions, like "what do you notice? Why do you think that's happening? What can you teach me about this?" If you have two or more children working together, you can use [these prompt cards to help students guide their own talk](#). Please use home languages to support your child.
- **Talk about Different Aspects of learning.** As you work with your children on their learning, realize that you can engage in a range of productive types of talk. Consider different kinds of conversations groups can engage in: perceptual, conceptual, strategic, affective, explanatory.
- **Focus on Learning in Everyday Life.** Many activities you regularly do can support meaningful learning! To explore the kinds of connections that are possible, you can do Internet searches like "science of [EVERYDAY ACTIVITY]" (e.g., construction, cooking, gardening, washing). This can open up all sorts of meaningful questions and experiments (e.g., how does soap work, how do we hear sounds).
- **Connect Learning to Your Work or That of Your Family.** There may be meaningful ways to engage your child as part of your own work that can contribute to meaningful learning. In your work or that of another family member, how do you find the answers to your questions? How do you communicate techniques, processes, or ideas? What problems or challenges might you face? Share your work and allow your child to think and work with you in a meaningful, career-related context.
- **Build from the Interests of Your Children.** You know your child — consider whether they have personal, family, or community interests that they do not always get to pursue in school. Are there projects, ideas, or collaborations that might connect those interests to their learning?



The PED is providing the following resources for use by parents during the temporary closure of the public schools in New Mexico. They can provide practice for students as well as educational support to families to help keep students academically engaged.

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Home Support

Link	Description
Comcast Press Release Regarding Internet	<p>Comcast Internet</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Speeds will increase from 15/2 MBPS to 25/3 for all new and existing customers, and will become the speed of the service going forward. New families who connect will get 60 days of Internet service for free. The Internet Essential program is normally available to all qualified low-income households in Comcast's service are for \$9.95/month.
COX Internet	<p>Effective Monday, March 16, COX is providing: -*Limited-time, first month free of Connect2Compete service, \$9.95/month thereafter.</p> <p>*Until May 12, 2020, we are providing phone and remote desktop support through Cox Complete Care at no charge to provide peace of mind and ease for technology needs</p> <p>*Resources for discounted, refurbished equipment through our association with PCs for People</p>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xfgqtCi7hdo	<p>Youtube video on how to use Google Classroom for students and parents.</p> <p>If students/families already have Internet access, they can access Google Classroom on PS4 and Xbox One if they do not have a laptop in the home. Go to My games and apps, Microsoft Edge (browser), then type in any URL to get to the desired site such as Google Classroom, Seesaw, etc. Takes a little longer with a remote, but it's doable</p>

All Subject Areas

Link	Description	Grade Levels/Ages	Subjects
Virtual Field Trips	Virtual Field Trip Opportunities - includes links for virtually touring farms, museums, national parks, and zoos!	Grades PreK-12	STEM
www.youtube.com/sciencemom	Science Mom and Math Dad: has a video lesson with a demo, fact or fiction, drawing, math moment and Q&A: can be watched live	Ages 7-12 Grades 2-6	STEM
Parent Quick Start Guide - Khan Academy	Khan Academy - Freely available library of standards-aligned lessons.	Grades K-12	All subject areas

How to use Khan Academy for Kids	Khan Academy Kids for Early Learners - Freely available app (on iTunes, Google Play, Amazon App Store). The program engages kids in core subjects like early literacy, reading, writing, language, and math, while encouraging creativity and building social-emotional skills. <u>Parents can create accounts in minutes.</u>	Ages 2-7	English Language Arts, Mathematics
Learn in Color - Activities When Stuck at Home	This site links to things to do when you are stuck at home - but there are other categories in the top menu for more academic activities in history, language arts, math and science along with a section of Free Printables.	Grades 2-8	STEM
www.pbskids.org	Learning games and activities	Grades Pre-K - 3	All subjects
Education Video Series	Educational videos series available through YouTube and other streaming services, podcasts, and online instructional materials.	All ages	All subjects
http://wonderopolis.org/	Welcome to Wonderopolis®, a place where natural curiosity and imagination lead to exploration and discovery in learners of all ages. Each day, we pose an intriguing question—the Wonder of the Day®—and explore it in a variety of ways.	Families	All subjects

Arts and Humanities/Virtual Field Trips

Link	Description	Grade Levels/Ages
https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/mo-willems?fbclid=IwAR3mOFcPK8X15VDvxp57SM0g-1RP25oCktf0wd5IY_QWsn1zAslFVI85nsE	Mo Willems invites YOU into his studio every day for his LUNCH DOODLE. Learners worldwide can draw, doodle and explore new ways of writing by visiting Mo's studio virtually once a day for the next few weeks. Grab some paper and pencils, pens, or crayons and join Mo to explore ways of writing and making together. New episodes will be posted each weekday at 1:00 p.m. ET and then remain online to be streamed afterward	Early Childhood
https://gothamist.com/arts-entertainment/met-operastream-operas-free-during-coronavirus-closure	The Met Opera to offer free streaming of operas. Check the site for schedules	All Ages
https://www.kennedy-center.org/digitalstage/	The Kennedy Center offers a wide selection of music, dance and theater options	All Ages
http://www.internationalfolkart.org/exhibitions/online-exhibitions/	International Folk Art Museum has several online exhibits to explore	All Ages
http://nmartmuseum.org/art/online-exhibitions	NM Museum of Art online exhibits	All Ages
https://www.artic.edu/collection	Art Institute of Chicago has several images online	All Ages
http://www.nmhistorymuseum.org/interactives.php http://www.nmnaturalhistory.org/online-exhibits	NM History Museum online exhibits	All Ages

Computer Science

Link	Description	Grade Levels
Texas Youth Jam	Texas Youth Jams - Free bilingual, hands-on coding activities for K-8 that can be used in school or at home, teaching basic computational thinking and computer science concepts. Adventure Mode helps drive student-centered learning.	Grades K-8

Mathematics

Link	Description	Grade Levels
https://www.naeyc.org/math-at-home	National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) - Math at Home Toolkit: includes links to a variety of activities, in English and Spanish, videos, printable tasks and activities to do at home; resources to support parents in understanding the importance of math and getting an early start with numbers	Early Childhood to PreK
https://mathforlove.com/lesson-plan/	Math for Love - free lessons, games, activities, rich tasks, openers/short tasks (there are also math products and curriculum available for purchase)	Grades PreK-10
https://help.zearn.org/hc/en-us/articles/360044495614	Zearn Math Parent/Caregiver Pack - Has instructions (available in English and Spanish) on creating adult and student accounts, orienting to Zearn mathematics, and assigning online assignments.	Grades K-5
https://xtramath.org/	Sign up for free account - daily math practice for school or home.	Elementary
https://www.mathlearningcenter.org/families/bridges2	NSF-funded project to support mathematics learning and is now focused on helping parents and educators support students to discover and develop mathematical confidence and ability.	Grades PreK-12

English Language Arts

Link	Description	Grade Levels
http://www.wonderopolis.org/wonders	Explore Wonders allows you to click on today's wonder or write in your own. You will get a short reading and a video clip and has a short quiz	Grades K-5
https://www.storylineonline.net/	Trade books read by actors/celebrities - Reading aloud to children has been shown to improve reading, writing and communication skills, logical thinking and concentration, and general academic aptitude, as well as inspire a lifelong love of reading. (At the end actor who read the book talks about the message in the story).	Grades PreK - 5
https://www.uniteforliteracy.com/	Picture books, which are read. Available in English and Spanish	Families
Scholastic Learning at Home	Scholastic Learning at Home: Day-by-day projects to keep kids reading, thinking, and growing.	Grades PreK-6/7
https://www.wilbooks.com/wilbooks-free-resources	Online collection of books to support literacy	Grade PreK-3

General Language Development

Link	Description	Grade Levels
http://www.funenglishgames.com/	Fun games for students to learn English	Elementary
https://www.gamestolearnenglish.com/		
http://www.english-4kids.com/	Online interactive lessons to learn English. This resource is multilingual.	Elementary
https://www.eslkidstuff.com/	English learning lesson plans, flashcards, worksheets, songs, readers & crafts.	Elementary
http://en.childrenslibrary.org/	International Children's Digital Library	Grades K-8
https://pacoelchato.com/	Paco el Chata (online versions of textbooks from Mexico's Ministry of Education). In Spanish only.	Grades K-12
https://www.mamalisa.com/	Mama Lisa's World, a place for songs, rhymes, and traditions from across the globe for both kids and grown-ups! A multilingual website.	Elementary
https://agreenmouse.com/spanish-for-children/ks2-and-ks3-spanish/	A Green Mouse – Website to learn Spanish and French.	Grades K-12
https://agreenmouse.com/french-for-children/ks2-ks3-french/		
https://newsinslowspanish.com/	Learn Spanish with streaming news and culture	Grades 4 and up
https://newsinslowenglish.com/	Learn English with streaming news and culture	
https://www.abcya.com/	ABCya provides over 400 fun and educational games for grades PreK through 6 . Our activities are designed by parents and educators who understand that children learn better if they are having fun.	Grades K-6
https://www.duolingo.com/	Website to learn new languages	All grades

Science

Link	Description	Grade Levels
https://spaceplace.nasa.gov/menu/earth/	NSAS Science- Provides games, craft ideas, activities and media (video clips and posters)	Grades 3-8
https://pbskids.org/games/science/	PBS Kids: Science game: games on a variety of science topics	Early Childhood to Kindergarten
https://www.skypeascientist.com/for-families.html	Families can sign up to skype a scientist based on interest or watch a prerecorded sessions	Grades K-12
https://www.nasa.gov/kidsclub/index.html https://www.nasa.gov/stem	Activities for students from NASA.	Grades K-12
http://stem-works.com/	<i>Welcome to STEM-Works</i> , a resource for teachers, mentors, parents, STEM professionals, volunteers, and everyone passionate about getting children eager to learn about science, technology, engineering, and math.	Grades K-12

Unplugged Resources

Link	Description	Grade Levels/Ages
Indoor Games	10 Ball Games for Kids - Ideas for Active Play Indoors.	Early Childhood - Grade 3
Art Activities at Home	27 art activities to try at home	All Ages
Unplugged Math Activities	Activities that require no technology and can be done at home with families!	Grades PreK-12
https://www.exploratorium.edu/learn	At-home, science learning activities from the Exploratorium.	Grades K-12

Assessment Resources

Link	Description
Official SAT Practice (English and Spanish)	Prepare for the SAT® with Official SAT® Practice! Get personalized practice recommendations based on your PSAT/NMSQT®, PSAT™ 10, or PSAT™ 8/9 results. The flier is available in English and Spanish.
Sign Up for Khan Academy	Khan Academy provides personalized help with what you're studying or to learn something completely new.
New Mexico Summative Assessments Help & Support	Students, teachers, and parents can find practice tests, answer keys, instructional supports, and reference sheets for the New Mexico Summative English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science Assessments. These resources are available in English and Spanish.
http://www.istation.com/	must know child's log in information: resources include printable lessons, support finding a book, math support