



To: Residents & Board Members

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Re: NYC Department of Education (NYC DOE) Information & Resources for Home Schooling

Public health experts have determined that community transmission of COVID-19 will be widespread well into the end of the school year. In response to this, on Saturday, April 11, after consulting with public health experts and educators about the ongoing trajectory of the virus, and the potential for continued disruption for the remainder of the year. Mayor de Blasio and Chancellor Carranza announced that New York City public school buildings will not reopen during the 2019-20 school year. Teachers and students have been asked to finish the school year via “remote learning”.

To support parents and families in coordinating remote learning for their children, the NYC DOE has provided the following resources and FAQ’s:

Remote Learning Facts:

New York City public schools will be continuing academic instruction through Remote Learning for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year.

Schools will communicate with you about their platform for remote learning. To keep students connected and meeting academic requirements when learning remotely, the NYCDOE has created student accounts for every student. The account gives you access to Google Classroom and Microsoft Office 365. Review the [instructions on the NYCDOE website](#) for more information. If you are unable to access your student’s student account, contact your school’s parent coordinator

- Students will not report to school buildings for instruction during this time.
- [Learn at Home](#) for grades K-12 has all you need to know for getting set up for remote learning.
 - Does your student need a device for remote learning? [Fill out this survey](#) as soon as possible.
 - Visit the [InfoHub](#) for printable translations of these Frequently Asked Questions

Consider these tips to best prepare you and your child for remote learning:

- Get familiar with each of the [digital tools](#) your child will use while learning from home.
- Review your school’s expectations for completing assignments and appropriate behavior on internet-enabled devices.
- Set up a space for your child to use that considers their unique learning styles.
- Create a routine and daily schedule that will support your child’s success while learning from home.
- Make a [list of activities](#) that you and your child can use in addition to their classwork.
- If you don’t have access to an internet-enabled device, fill out this [survey\(Open external link\)](#) to be connected to one!

Additional Resources

- [Learn at Home](#)
- [Assistive Technology](#)
- [Occupational Therapy](#)
- Resources for shifting to a new online platform for Service Delivery
 - [How to Get Started in Microsoft Teams](#)
 - [How to Get Started in Google Classroom](#)
- [Regional Enrichment Centers](#) are available for the children of first responders, healthcare workers, transit workers, and other essential workers.
- [Grab-and-Go free meals](#) are available at the entrance of select buildings
- [Additional Resources for Learning at Home](#)
- [Physical Therapy](#)
- [Speech Therapy](#)
- [Get Ready to Learn Project](#)

Learn from Home Lesson Guides

For each subject below you will find links to worksheets with activities to do at home. For each activity, you will find:

- A description and/or instructions for the activity
- Information about both content and practice that the activity supports
- One or more focus or discussion questions that will help deepen the learning of the activity

Kindergarten

[Math Activities](#)
[English Language Arts](#)

[Science Activities](#)
[Social Studies](#)

First Grade

[Math Activities](#)
[English Language Arts](#)

[Science Activities](#)
[Social Studies Activities](#)

Second Grade

[Math Activities](#)
[English Language Activities](#)

[Science Activities](#)
[Social Studies Activities](#)

Third Grade

[Math Activities](#)
[English Language Activities](#)

[Science Activities](#)
[Social Studies Activities](#)

Fourth Grade

[Math Activities](#)
[English Language Activities](#)

[Science Activities](#)
[Social Studies Activities](#)

Fifth Grade

[Math Activities](#)
[English Language Activities](#)

[Science Activities](#)
[Social Studies Activities](#)

High School

[Mathematics](#)
[English Language Arts](#)
[Science](#)

[Social Studies](#)
[College and Career Planning](#)
[The AP Exam](#)

Physical Education & Physical Activity

[All Grade Levels](#)
[Grades K-5](#)

[Middle School](#)
[High School](#)

Talking to Children about COVID-19

- [National Association of School Psychologists: A parent resource for talking to children about COVID-19](#)
- [NPR: Comic video for kids exploring the new Coronavirus](#)
- [PBS: How to talk to your kids about Coronavirus](#)
- [BrainPOP: Animated video about coronavirus for students](#)
- [The Yucky Bug by Julia Cook](#) YouTube video about coronavirus created by elementary students
- [University of Verona: Dept. of Human Services: Tips for speaking with children and adolescents about the coronavirus](#)
- [Open Circle: How to talk to kids about coronavirus](#)
- [New York Times: Talking to Teens and Tweens about Coronavirus](#)

Virtual Field Trips

- [Virtual tour of the Louvre Museum Paris, France](#)
- [Virtual tour of the National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC](#)
- [Virtual tour of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY](#)
- [Virtual tour of the Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam Netherlands](#)
- [Virtual tour of the Uffizi Gallery, Florence, Italy](#)
- [Virtual tour of the Cincinnati Zoo, Cincinnati, Ohio](#)

Brain Breaks

- [Yoga, stories and fun activities](#)
- [Activities to incorporate learning and movement while having fun](#)
- [Online Pianist: Virtual Piano Keyboard](#)

Other Activities

- [Boredom Busters: Guidance to create an activity jar and more](#)
- [PBIS Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports at Home](#)
- [Center for Parent Information & Resources: Behavior strategies at home](#)
- [Math and Reading fun at home for your child](#)

Remote Learning FAQ

How will my student access remote learning materials?

Every New York City public school student will be given the necessary tools and materials for remote learning. Your school will communicate with you about their platform for remote learning. To keep students connected and meeting academic requirements when learning remotely, the NYCDOE has created student accounts for every student. The account gives you access to Google Classroom and Microsoft Office 365. Review the [instructions on the NYCDOE website](#) for more information. If you are unable to access your student's student account, contact your school's parent coordinator. See below re: devices

How can I contact my student's teacher if I have questions?

Each school has established its own way to communicate with families, such as email, Microsoft Teams, or other tools. Your student's school will let you know the best way to contact teachers. If you need help, contact the school's parent coordinator. Visit schools.nyc.gov/find-a-school if you need contact information.

How do I get an internet-enabled device if I do not have one?

Many schools are distributing their existing inventory of laptops and tablets, and we are extending that window for pickup to make sure families have what they need. We are also asking families to complete a [survey](#) sharing their best contact information over the next few weeks as well as whether they have access to a smartphone, a laptop/tablet/computer, the internet, or none of the above. We will use the information to prioritize device distribution and inform families of pickup location.

What is a Special Education Remote Learning Plan?

Your school should have been in touch with you about a **remote learning plan** for your child. The remote learning plan outlines how services will be delivered during this unprecedented crisis. In developing such plans, your child's IEP is the starting point and your input

is crucial. The goal of the remote learning plan is to provide instruction and services that support your child's progress toward meeting IEP goals, understanding that the delivery will not often replicate your child's regular school schedule. If you have not yet received this plan or discussed it with your school, please reach out to your child's teacher and/or related service provider. Also, if at any point, you feel as if your child's remote learning plan is not working for him/her, please contact your child's teacher and/or related service provider. You can also email specialeducation@schools.nyc.gov if you need help contacting your child's school.

How can I change the language on my device to my preferred language?

You can change the default language and settings to a preferred language on most computers, phones, and tablets. This option is commonly found under the "Settings" section of your device.

- To change the language on your iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch, [follow these directions](#).
- To change the language on your Android device, [follow these directions](#).

How can I translate online content into another language?

Google Translate is a free, online application available on most devices. It can also be used without internet connection once downloaded onto your device. Google Translate can be used to translate text, handwriting, speech, and websites in over 100 different languages.

Follow these directions to download Google Translate:

- On your computer, install the Google Chrome web browser if you have not already. Google Chrome includes the Google Translate feature.
- For iPhones and iPads, download the Google Translate app from the [app store\(Open external link\)](#).
- For Android devices, download the Google Translate app on [Google Play\(Open external link\)](#).

How will this impact New York State tests for grades 3-8?

The English Language Arts and math exams have been suspended by the New York State Education Department (NYSED).

How does the response to COVID-19 impact students taking Regents exams?

NYSED and the Board of Regents have cancelled the June 2020 Regents, language other than English (LOTE), and second language proficiency (SLP) exam administrations. As a result, students who intended to take any June 2020 Regents may be eligible for a June 2020 Regents exemption. Your school will be reaching out to share guidance in the coming weeks.