



**United States Department of Veterans Affairs
Virtual Innovative Educational Resources Guide
In Formation**



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In an effort to assist Veterans, their families and caregivers help school-aged children navigate remote education during the COVID-19 Pandemic, the VA Secretary's Center for Strategic Partnerships developed this Virtual Education Resource Guide. The compilation of no cost digital and printable resources includes contributions from our partners at Apple, Google, McKinsey and the Milken Family Foundation, as well as additional independent organizations, that are designed to engage students and reinforce school assigned learning subjects for those in grades PreK-12. Additionally, the hand guide is intended to assist caregivers with guided instruction, while overseeing learning for students in a virtual environment. The general subject areas include math, science, English language arts, social studies, music, art, lifestyle and do-it yourself (DIY) education. Each resource is categorized by grade, subject and audience member (student/instructor).

TSL BOOKS

Grades PreK—6
Subject General Studies
Link www.tlsbooks.com
Audience Student/Instructor
Overview Free printable worksheets to use at home or in classroom to supplement existing educational resources. Resources are categorized by students' grade level (preschool through sixth grade) and are available in general areas of studies to include:

The Alphabet	Nursey Rhymes	Math	Science
Language Arts	Foreign Language	Geography	Handwriting
Spelling	History	Holidays	Music

Teachers, parents, and caregivers may use these materials to supplement your early childhood educational program, home day care resources, elementary school classroom or home school curriculum. Feel free to print these worksheets for personal, non-commercial use only.

WIDE OPEN SCHOOLS

Grades PreK—12 & Adults
Subject General Studies/Life Skills
Link www.wideopenschools.org/#educator
Audience Student/Instructor
Overview Wide Open School is a learning hub for families and teachers providing free and high quality resources to make distance learning more effective and engaging. Each daily plan allows you to explore activities and build new skills.

Three sections are designed for easy use :

Student Activities	Family and Teacher Center	Recursos En Español
General Studies	Back-to-School Guides	Todos
Arts, Music & DIY	Resources for Teachers	Actividades semanales
Games	Equality & Social Justices	Conexión y uso de internet
Videos & Events	Internet Access & Devices	Biensetear familiar
Emotional Well-Being	Learning & Thinking Differences	Aprendizaje académico
Digital Citizenship	Family Services	Sevicios familiares y comida

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APPLE EDUCATION RESOURCES

Grades PreK—12 & Adult
Subject General Studies/Life Skills
Link www.apple.com/education/k12/learning-from-home/

Audience Student/Instructor

Overview This Apple Education Resource Guide provides educational applications and online resources designed to help schools, teachers, and parents create engaging learning experiences at home. Videos, mobile apps and digital books are created and curated to facilitate remote learning in a personal or public environment.

Resource Features:

Remote Learning App Collection Apple Teacher	Learn and Study from Home App Collection Taking Action on Racial Equity & Justice	Remote Learning Book Collection
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FAMILY EDUCATION

Grades K—12 & Adults
Subject General Studies/Life Skills
Link www.familyeducation.com/school-learning

Audience Student/Instructor

Overview FamilyEducation.com is an online website dedicate to support the day-to-day parenting lifestyle. Content is created, vetted, and curated to address specific parenting needs on the following:

Pregnancy New To Parenting	Child Development Assistance School-Age Learning Resources	Family Life Information
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ENCHANTED LEARNING

Grades PreK—6
Subject General Studies
Link www.enchantedlearning.com/home.shtml

Audience Student/Instructor

Overview Enchanted Learning.com provides collective educational websites designed to capture the imagination while maximizing creativity learning and enjoyment. Navigations and controls are intuitive, providing children the clearest, simplest computer interface. Free printable worksheets to use at home or in classroom to supplement existing educational resources are provided. Staff favorites includes the following children's content and teachers' resources:

Children's Content	Teachers' Resources
General Studies	Calendars
Music	Vocabulary Word Lists
Holiday Themed Activities	"Generate Your Own" Worksheets

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Grades All Levels

Subject General Studies/Life Skills

Link <https://www.niet.org/remote-learning/top-free-virtual-instruction-resources/>
<https://www.niet.org/remote-learning/top-free-resources-2020-21/>

Audience Student/Instructor

Overview Included in this anthology, you will find valuable resources provided by teacher leaders affiliated with the non-profit National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET). Founded and chaired by Lowell Milken, NIET is known for being on the forefront of virtual learning.

CITY YEAR VIRTUAL LEARNING RESOURCES

Grades K–12 & Adults

Subject General Studies/Life Skills

Link <https://www.cityyear.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Virtual-Learning-and-COVID-19-Resources-for-Teachers-and-Families.pdf>

Audience Student/Instructor

Overview City Year AmeriCorps provides an online hand guide structured to assist students and instructors with learning efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A table of contents is provided to include the following areas:

Vetting online resources

Resources for talking with students facing COVID-19

Home school resources for families

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GOOGLE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Grades	All Levels/Adults
Subject	General Studies/Life Skills
Link	https://learnathome.withyoutube.com/ , https://teachfromanywhere.google.intl/en/
Audience	Student/Instructor
Overview	Google in partnership with YouTube has created a digital learning suite to complement work assigned by teachers. Additionally offered is Teach From Anywhere, a Google led initiative that provide all that's needed to enable collaborative teaching and learning anywhere, anytime, and on any device.

Website Features:

Back to School Link — focuses on mental wellness, physical preparation and school subjects for families that are learning full time in a home setting, school setting or a combination of both

Live Streams — dance events coupled with fun playlists guaranteed to keep you moving; writing prompts that challenge you to create your own films based on your writings

G Suite Education Account — allowing teachers to learn about the latest informational launches for educators, teachers, school leaders

Google Meet — allows you to schedule virtual meetings and engagements in remote or hybrid learning environments

Assignments — a simpler, easier way for educators to distribute, analyze, and grade student work

MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD RESOURCES

Grades	PreK—12
Subject	General Studies/Life Skills
Link	https://www.milkeneducatorawards.org/educators/resources
Audience	Student/Instructor
Overview	When the Veterans Administration reached out to the Milken Family Foundation (MFF) for support materials to share with U.S. Veterans, families and educators to help cope with student learning challenges brought on by COVID-19, Milken Educators were honored to assist. Recipients of the Milken Educator Award — first presented by businessman-philanthropist Lowell Milken in 1987 and frequently described as the “Oscars of Teaching” — have been compiling distance learning resources throughout the pandemic. From every corner of the nation, they share not only professional strategies and techniques for Veterans and your loved ones, but their own personal experiences in helping to motivate and educate the young people who depend on all of us to create a bright future.

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READING ROCKETS LITERACY APPS

Grades All Levels/Adults

Subject General Studies/Life Skills

Link <https://www.readingrockets.org/literacyapps>

Audience Student/Instructor

Overview Downloadable apps that are fun and motivating for kids that provide practice with essential skills in print awareness, phonics, spelling, vocabulary, comprehension, and writing. Includes apps for children with dyslexia, ADHD, and autism spectrum disorder that support organization and goal setting, language and communication, and emotional regulation.