

SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

ONLINE RESOURCES

As COVID-19 continues to spread globally, impacting families indiscriminately and requiring longer periods of social distancing and school closures, educators are faced with the need to provide equal access to learning. Providing appropriate support to students with disabilities must be a priority for educators as distance learning continues for weeks and, possibly, months. We are sharing this as a resource for school administrators, educators, and families. Inclusion on this list does not entail a commercial endorsement of any of these resources.

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SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS AND DISTRICTS

U.S. Department of Education

[Providing Services to Students with Disabilities during COVID-19 FAQ](#)

This page offers guidance for school districts regarding providing services for students with disabilities during COVID-19 and school closures. (PDF of the FAQ is available [here](#).)

Council of Administrators of Special Education

[COVID-19 Resources for Special Education Administrators](#)

This site offers resources, including information including webinars and the guide entitled [Considerations for Special Education Administrators](#) (dated March 21).

U.S. Office of Civil Rights

[Online Education and Website Accessibility](#)

This short webinar from March 17 offers legal guidance for educating students online and providing accessibility for all students.

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SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS

National Alliance for Public Charter Schools

[COVID-19 Resources for Charter Schools](#)

This site offers information about educating special education students during COVID-19 and provides links to additional resources such as KIPP's open-source repository of resources for educators, families, and students.

Disability Scoop

[News on Coronavirus Impact and Other Disability-Related Topics](#)

This is an information source on the impact of COVID-19 on individuals with disabilities and other topics.

National Center for Special Education in Charter Schools

[COVID-19 and Students with Disabilities](#)

This page offers some strategies for educating students with disabilities in charter schools.

The Council for Exceptional Children

[Resources for Teaching Remotely](#)

This site offers a variety of resources for supporting virtual learning.

SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

The Arc

[COVID-19 Resources for People with Disabilities, Families and Service Providers](#)

The Arc is an advocacy organization for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This page provides a variety resource, including information on Congressional advocacy.

Family Voices

[Coronavirus Information and Resources](#)

This national organization for families with children who have special health care needs provides resources and information about COVID-19.

Center for Parent Information and Resources

[Coronavirus Resources](#)

This site seeks to serve as a "hub" of information for parents of children with disabilities.

Autism Speaks

[COVID-19 Information and Resources](#)

This site is dedicated to providing resources to the autism community during the pandemic.