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REL Resource Corner: Supporting Students' Access and Engagement Post-Pandemic

Learn about REL Appalachia and its work, and dive into these resources from across the REL program that support educators in ensuring student access to technology and other supports, as well as strengthening student engagement post-pandemic.

- Strategies to Support Learning Along a Continuum of Internet Access. This REL Central infographic helps educators develop and refine a remote learning plan by presenting a matrix of strategies for infrastructure, instructional supports, student supports, and parent/guardian supports necessary for various learning modalities.

- Research-Based Strategies for Effective Remote Learning. REL Appalachia produced a three-part series of train-the-trainer workshops that includes strategies to support students' behavioral, emotional, and mental engagement; ways to administer formative assessments to effectively monitor student progress and provide feedback; and approaches to design instruction for the hybrid model. Also check out the related infographic Leveraging Technology to Provide Feedback on Student Work, which highlights characteristics of effective feedback and strategies to provide it to students.

- When Students and Teachers are Separated: Strategies from Research on Social Presence for Teaching at a Distance. This interactive infographic from REL Southeast provides an overview of the five elements in the "social presence" framework, applicable to in-person instruction or when students and teachers are separated in the context of online learning. Each element of the model aligns to key strategies for K–12 educators to implement for building student engagement and connection in virtual learning context.

- [Supporting Students Experiencing Trauma During the COVID-19 Pandemic](). This blog post from REL Appalachia shares everyday strategies educators can use in virtual settings to create and promote safe and predictable environments, relationship building, and self-regulation to support students dealing with trauma.

- [Including Voice in Education: Addressing Equity Through Student and Family Voice in Classroom Learning](). This infographic from REL Pacific dives deeply into the why and how behind amplifying student and family voice through a culturally responsive approach. This resource provides concrete strategies educators can use to address equity by using voice to empower and engage students and families specific to virtual and in-person learning contexts.

- [Supporting Postsecondary Transitions During COVID-19: Practical Resources and Considerations](). This blog post from REL Appalachia shares strategies to support a college readiness culture despite COVID-19 interruptions. A curated table of online resources provides counselors, teachers, prospective college students, and their families with targeted logistical and social-emotional supports for college planning and postsecondary transitions.

- [Supporting Student Engagement in Remote and Hybrid Learning Environments](). This REL Mid-Atlantic infographic outlines six critical factors to support student engagement in remote settings.