

September 2020 REL Corner: Supporting Students Learning Remotely with an Equity Lens

[Learn about REL Appalachia and its work](#), and dive into these resources from across the REL program for tips and strategies to support hard-to-reach populations and students with special needs through remote learning, including virtual and distance learning models.

- [Interactive Readalouds: Learning from Books Together](#). This video from REL West shares tips, resources, and a template for planning your own virtual interactive readalouds, an approach that can help foster language and literacy skills for all students, including English learners.
- [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 support students experiencing trauma, such as providing emotional check-ins and maintaining ongoing communication.
- [Supporting At-Home Learning: Distance Learning Strategies for Teachers, Parents, and Caregivers](#). This video from REL Pacific shares key considerations for educators as they design a distance learning strategy, especially those in rural underserved communities with limited connectivity options.
- [Guidance for Navigating Remote Learning for English Learner Students](#). This blog post from REL Midwest shares evidence-based strategies to help teachers support remote learning for English learners, such as creating opportunities for same-language peers to collaborate and providing meaningful opportunities for students to talk in large and small groups.
- [How Education Leaders Can Support Students with Autism During School Closures](#). This blog post from REL Northwest shares three ways school and district administrators can

support the families of students with autism. Some of the recommendations include helping maintain clear rules, expectations, and routines, as well as identifying manageable goals and adjusting assignments accordingly.

- [Strategies to Support Learning Along a Continuum of Internet Access](#). This infographic from REL Central can help educators develop a remote learning plan by presenting a matrix of strategies for infrastructure, instructional supports, student supports, and parent/guardian supports necessary for online, offline, and/or hybrid instruction. The infographic also provides resources with guidance for schools and districts as they build and refine such plans.
- [Including Voice in Education: Addressing Equity Through Student and Family Voice in Classroom Learning](#). This infographic from REL Pacific focuses on strategies for building student and family voice as a means to engage historically marginalized populations, which is applicable in both remote and in-person learning environments.
- [Keeping Pace: Strategies for Ensuring Equitable Continuity of Learning During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#). This fact sheet from REL Mid-Atlantic shares evidence-based and promising practices to consider as schools develop continuity of learning plans. Many of the recommendations are centered on strengthening community partnerships to support students in low-income neighborhoods.
- [Supporting Educators in Implementing Reading Across the Content Areas](#). This webinar from REL Pacific provides an overview of research on strategies to support educators in implementing reading across the content areas for all students, including English learners and students with special needs. Many of the strategies shared can be adapted to virtual settings.