

RESTART & RECOVERY

HIGH-QUALITY



OER CURRICULUM & RESOURCES

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CCSSO runs the

High-Quality Instructional Materials and Professional Development (IMPD) Network

that currently supports eight states (Delaware, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Mexico, Rhode Island, Tennessee and Wisconsin) to significantly increase the number of districts selecting high-quality, standards aligned instructional materials and to increase the number of pre-service and in-service teachers receiving professional development grounded in the use of those materials. We have learned a lot about high-quality instructional materials through our work with the eight states, along with national experts in the field, and wanted to draw on that experience to support states, districts, schools, teachers, and parents in this unprecedented time, as all states are working to provide continuous learning to kids. Through the work of these network states to identify and leverage high-quality instructional materials, CCSSO is sharing recommendations for high-quality materials to be used for remote learning due to COVID-19 school closures.

THESE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Are vetted for quality.

They detail full course materials evaluated and nationally recognized as high quality, based on [EdReports](#) or the [Louisiana Department of Education](#) reviews.

Support all district contexts.

They are organized to help districts with differing and unique contexts by offering different approaches to support remote learning.

Include free (OER) resources.

The tools included are freely available and include proprietary programs that have made materials free during the school closure period.

FOR CONSIDERATION:

Selecting the right instructional materials for a particular virtual context will depend on a number of considerations, including:

- Technology devices and WiFi availability for students
- Teacher capacity and availability to build and administer daily lessons virtually (e.g. have teachers been trained on teaching virtually, do union contracts allow teachers to engage each day)
- Current materials in use in the district and ability to use those materials effectively in a virtual setting
- Parent capacity to support students (e.g., extent to which parents are working each day)

Common Approaches to Virtual Learning

It is also important to understand the common approaches to virtual learning, so that states, districts, and schools can select materials that align with their approach:

COMMON APPROACHES	DETAILS	STUDENTS NEED WIFI & TECH?
Required printed packets	Pick up and drop off accompanies school lunches, handouts are graded by the teacher each week	No
Non-required printed packets	Packets go home with lunches but are not picked up and graded, optional for families	No
Required virtual learning, led by the teacher	Teachers send out or lead daily (semi-daily) videos and lessons, students are required to attend and complete the follow up homework	Yes
Required virtual learning, not led by the teacher	Teachers send out weekly or daily virtual learning assignments (e.g. using google classroom) and students complete each day/week, teachers grade	Yes
Non-required virtual learning	Teachers send home links or resources with recommendations for parents to complete with students as desired, no grading	Yes

English Language Arts

Resource Recommendations

NOTE: Most complete ELA curricula do not include the books (fiction and non-fiction) students read within the virtual curricula. Some of the readings will be included, but many will need to be purchased, found, and sent home in different formats for students. See “additional ELA materials” for recommendations on where to find books for students to read.

RESOURCE	DETAILS	TASKS & LESSONS CAN BE PRINTED FOR PACKETS?	STUDENTS CAN ACCESS & COMPLETE WORK ONLINE?	DAILY INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEOS AVAILABLE?
EL Education: Grade K-8	<p>Complete curriculum available in several ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Here from EL Education - EL Education has also created a Remote Learning Support page that contains links to resources for families and remote learning curriculum resources for teachers • Here from Open Up Resources • Here from LearnZillion <p>Additional resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Models of Excellence, library of high-quality student projects • Coronavirus Resource Center 	Yes	No	No
ELA Guidebooks from LearnZillion: Grades 3-12	<p>Complete curriculum available here from LearnZillion</p> <p>Parent and family resources available here as well</p>	Yes	No	No
Core Knowledge: Grades PreK-8	<p>Complete curriculum available here from Core Knowledge</p> <p>Portions of Grades K-2 and Grades 3-5 curriculum, with videos, also available here from Amplify</p> <p>Student readers, teacher guides, activity books are also available here</p>	Yes	No	No
Wit and Wisdom from Great Minds: Grade K-8	<p>Materials available here</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free lessons are released each week (not the complete curriculum) • Video lessons for each grade (viewable on any device; not printable) • Online K-2 Readable Books (phonics practice) 	Yes Released one week in advance	No	Yes
Curriculum Associates: ELA Curriculum: Grade K-8	<p>Activity packets available here (not the full curriculum)</p>	Yes	No	No

In many cases students and parents will need access to online or read aloud books. There are a number of places to find those materials including:

[Your Local Library](#)

Most libraries offer all books virtually.

[Audible \(PK-12\)](#)

is enabling kids to instantly stream a collection of stories, including titles across six languages, for free on their desktops, laptops, phones or tablets. This access will be available as long as schools are closed.

[CommonLit \(3-12\)](#)

is a reading resource program that includes 1500 authentic complex texts, organized by grade level, with comprehension questions, discussion questions, and assessment style questions. It includes a large collection of Spanish texts and texts can be translated into 25 different languages and include a read aloud option.

[Kate Messner: Read, Wonder, Learn! \(PK-12\)](#)

is a collection of resources that includes everything from first-chapter and picture book read-alouds to complementary drawing and writing mini-lessons.

[KidLitTV \(PK-5\)](#)

is a comprehensive website dedicated to children’s literature that includes “Read Out Loud,” a video storytime feature with authors reading aloud their own books.

[Overdrive \(K-12\)](#)

enables kids, their families and caregivers to borrow and read free ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines from their local library using a phone or tablet. Depending on the device and operating system being used, [Libby](#) is a helpful app that provides access to the same content with a different navigation experience.

[Scholastic Learn at Home \(PK-8\)](#)

includes learning experiences, grouped by grade band, built around a children’s book — full text accessible via the website — and including videos and complementary activities (available in both English and Spanish).

[Story Online \(K-5\)](#)

is an award-winning children’s literacy website which streams videos featuring celebrated actors reading children’s books aloud alongside illustrations. The website also includes activity guides for parents and caregivers to complete lessons with students at home.

[Teaching Tolerance Text Library \(K-12\)](#)

is a supplemental library of over 500 short nonfiction leveled texts, images, interviews, literary texts, and more that represent a diverse mix of stories and perspectives. Students, families and caregivers can create accounts for free to access the content.

Mathematics

Resource Recommendations

RESOURCE	DETAILS	TASKS & LESSONS CAN BE PRINTED FOR PACKETS?	STUDENTS CAN ACCESS & COMPLETE WORK ONLINE?	DAILY INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEOS AVAILABLE?
Zearn Mathematics: Grade K-5	<p>Complete curriculum available here</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 400 hours of digital lessons with on-screen teachers and supportive remediation <p>Zearn's Distance Learning Resource Center:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quick-start instructions Parent/caregiver packs (available in English and Spanish) <p>Daily webinars for administrators, teachers, and parents to walk through quick-start instructions and parent/caregiver packs</p>	Yes	Yes	Yes
Eureka Math from Great Minds: Grades K-12	<p>Complete curriculum here</p> <p>Newly released lessons here</p> <p>Free video lessons (viewable on any device; not printable)</p>	Yes	No	Yes
Curriculum Associates: Math Curriculum: Grade K-8	<p>Activity packets available here (not the full curriculum)</p>	Yes	No	No
Illustrative Mathematics: Grades 6-8, Algebra I, Algebra II, & Geometry	<p>Complete curriculum here from LearnZillion</p> <p>OUR version here from Open Up Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes Spanish editions OUR is also providing access via the Kiddom learning platform here. On the Kiddom platform, students can submit work to their teachers for grading. 	Yes	Yes (LearnZillion & Kiddom)	Yes (LearnZillion only)

Science

Resource Recommendations

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PhD Science™ from Great Minds: Grade 3-5	Lessons available here (not the complete curriculum) Free video lessons (viewable on any device; not printable)	Yes	No	Yes
Amplify Science: Grades K-8	Portions of Grades K-5 and Grades 6-8 curriculum, with videos, available here from Amplify The science materials are available in English and Spanish and are accessible without Wi-Fi	Yes	No	Yes

Cross-Subject Support

Instruction Partners

has developed “[Grab and Go](#)” packets that are released once a week. Each packet is organized for one grade level and has five days of materials, in all subjects, curated from curriculum that is rated highly on EdReports and available for free. There is a student portion and a parent and teacher portion and is customizable by districts or schools.