

RESOURCES #2 (FOR ONLINE INSTRUCTION, NOW FREE!)

Note to schools: Many subscription-based sites that could be very helpful to schools are offering free services during this period of time, to assist schools as they move to online instruction. The following are some sites that we have become aware of that are offering free services during the next few months or for the remainder of the school year. You will have to check the details as you sign up. The websites we have listed are long because they are specially created for the FREE access at this time.

Many of these resources were sent to us through SchoolChoiceWeek.Com. Thank you!

A Facebook site for people who are sharing what works for them during this time of temporary school closure. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Temporarschoolclosuresupport/>

LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (LMS):

This offer is for any Christian School and for any course. They are offering free use of their LMS, Canvas, a top of the line product, to any school that needs a quick solution in order to meet the needs of their students during a Corona Virus shut down.

~Chris Browne, President/Managing Partner, WheatonPress.com (Thank you, Chris!)

Chris has provided a link to the webpage where they explain the concept. They are in the process of creating additional content and resources to help explain and streamline the process.

<https://static-promote.weebly.com/share/a4e05d3d-17c7-4f85-bfd8-5a4dea3af824> (Demo of the LMS)

<https://www.wheatonpress.com/corona-virus-help.html> (link to where they explain the concept)

G Suite: (Google) <https://cloud.google.com/blog/products/g-suite/helping-businesses-and-schools-stay-connected-in-response-to-coronavirus>

G Suite for Education allows educators to facilitate learning, keep track of tasks, and create opportunities for critical thinking. Google is giving all current customers free access to advanced Hangouts Meet video-conferencing capabilities. This allows for larger meetings live streaming for more viewers, and more options to record meetings.

Advanced Hangouts Meets video-conferencing for existing customers will be free. Visit the [learning center page](#).

Nearpod: <https://nearpod.com/coronavirus>

Nearpod is an online platform that allows you to create interactive lessons in minutes. You can choose to import existing lessons, add in virtual field trips, create quizzes and polls, and even use matching pairs activities. Nearpod can also add these features to your presentations in Google Slides. As the teacher, you can synchronize and control the lessons across all student devices, evaluate student responses (individually or as a class), generate post-session reports, and even create game-based learning opportunities for your students! Free Access. Fill out the [form on the website](#) by clicking the 'Request Support' button in the middle of the page.

GENERAL RESOURCES: These have multiple subjects and grade levels. You will need to search for your specific topic as you navigate the site. They are all slightly different.

BrainPOP: https://educators.brainpop.com/2020/02/19/free-brainpop-access-for-schools-affected-by-the-corona-virus/?utm_source=organic&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=coronavirus&utm_content=free-access

BrainPOP is a playful, educators focused platform that has learning games, animated movies, and activities that cover universal topics. There are three platforms: K-3, Upper Elementary and Middle School, and ELL, covering subject areas such as STEM, Social Studies, Reading/Writing, Health, and fine arts; vocabulary, grammar, listening and reading & writing activities. Free, unlimited use during your closure. Fill out [this form](#) on the website and watch for an email with instructions. Look for [Coronavirus Topic](#) and accompanying [lesson plan](#).

Education Perfect: <https://epforlearning.com/2020/ep-response-to-covid-19/>

Currently used by over 1 million students across 1,800 schools, as a cloud-based software, EP enables schools to deliver curriculum-aligned lessons and assessments remotely. By allowing teachers to monitor and measure how students are engaging with their learning in real time, teachers can maximize their efficacy – even in a remote setting. Free unlimited access for schools until May 1. Fill out [form](#) on the website.

Purple Mash: <https://epforlearning.com/2020/ep-response-to-covid-19/> a website designed for children aged 3-11. It contains many creative tools ie: coding, animation, publishing, art and applications for math, spelling and grammar. Teachers can ‘set work’ for children easily then view / comment on completed files. It also contains thousands of topic-based activities. Serial Mash gives you a whole library of e-books and corresponding activities. Both can be used on any tablet or computer with a web browser.

Shmoop: <https://www.shmoop.com/>

With a laser focus on easing the stress of the learning environment, Shmoop aims to improve the approach to teaching and learning through engaging content and a personalized approach. Students and teachers can tap into over 10,000 educational videos, 400 digital learning courses, personalized test prep, and thousands of study guides. Shmoop focuses on high school and middle school students. Free access now through May 31, 2020. Send an email to support@shmoop.com to get started.

Scholastic Learn at Home: (Includes Pre-K)

<https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>

Even when schools are closed, you can keep the learning going with these special cross-curricular journeys. Every day includes four separate learning experiences, each build around a thrilling, meaningful story or video. Kids can do them on their own, with their families, or with their teachers. Just find your grade level and let the learning begin! Age groups: Pre-K and K, Grades 1 and 2, Grades 3-5, and Grades 6+. Full access for 5 days’ worth of activities for each age range. The directions will walk you through creating any necessary free accounts.

Discovery Education: educationpartnerships@discoveryed.com

Discovery Education is the global leader in standards-based digital curriculum resources for K–12 classrooms worldwide. We are the home to award-winning digital textbooks, multimedia content, and the largest professional development community of its kind. Free access to Discovery Education Experience through the remainder of the school year. Principals and Superintendents email to gain access.

TOOLS FOR TEACHERS:

Zoom: <https://blog.zoom.us/wordpress/2020/02/26/zoom-commitment-user-support-business-continuity-during-coronavirus-outbreak/>

Zoom has a free version. The following videos and documents will help students and teachers get up and running with Zoom:

- [Zoom 101: Sign Up & Download](#)
- [Zoom 101 : In Meeting Controls \(Basic\)](#)
- [Comprehensive Guide to Educating Through Zoom](#)
- [Tips and Tricks for Teachers Educating on Zoom](#)

Screencastify: <https://www.screencastify.com/education>

An online platform that helps with blended learning. You can add the Google Chrome Add-on to recording full or partial lessons, recording assignment solutions & explanations, and provide verbal student feedback. Screencastify also helps your students make their voices heard – great for speech and language practice! You can also save time by recording Professional Development, lesson plans, and parent communication. Screencastify integrates with Google Drive and Google Classroom. Free Chrome Extension, other services upon request. mail sales@screencastify.com, they have [tweeted](#) that they will do whatever they can at no cost!

TechSmith: <https://discover.techsmith.com/remote-techsmith/>

TechSmith is offering two tools for free – TechSmith Snagit and TechSmith Video Review. Snagit is a screen capture and recording tool that lets you quickly create and share images/videos. Video Review allows online video collaboration for discussions and conversations around the content you have uploaded and shared. Fill out the [short form on the website](#); you will receive an email with further instructions & onboarding resources.

Explain Everything: https://explaineverything.com/keep-calm-and-teach-online-free-explain-everything-for-closed-schools/?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=Referral&utm_campaign=KeepCalmTeachOnline

Explain Everything is offering extended free access to Explain Everything Whiteboard. This virtual tool can be utilized for online scenarios by helping you create explanation videos. Within the platform you get infinite space to create, annotation tools to mark everything you have put on your canvas (including videos!), and all-in-one recording & editing features. Fill out [form](#) on the website.

Pear Deck: <https://www.peardeck.com/stay-connected>

Pear Deck was founded by educators to help engage every student, every day. With the Google Slides add-on, you can create interactive questions and prompts for slideshows. Once you have created your presentation, you can either control the speed at which you present the material or allow students to move through at their own pace. Pear Deck even offers the ability to publish a notes document that shows the information from the session! Complimentary Access to Pear Deck Premium. Request Individual Access or District-Wide Access on the website.

Kahoot!: <https://kahoot.com/schools/distance-learning/>

Self-paced challenge mode is a free feature that's already available for all educators. Students can complete self-paced games by themselves at home, on a mobile device, or computer. Teachers can use advanced reports to facilitate formative assessment and adjust instruction based on student performance – even when they cannot attend school. Kahoot! Premium also lets teachers put together a bank of school-wide educational games and collaborate with other teachers in their school. Free access to Kahoot! Premium for the remainder of the academic year. Fill out the form on the website.

CODING (COMPUTER PROGRAMMING)

Tynker: <https://mailchi.mp/tynker/in-support-of-schools-facing-health-related-closure>

#1 coding platform for kids – Tynker fuels creativity in thousands of schools and powers the imagination of 60 million kids worldwide. In the platform you can access 40+ award-winning block & text-based courses and over 3,700 learning modules. Tynker is broken down into three age groups: Ages 5-7 (voice instructions); Ages 7-13 (drag and drop coding); and Ages 13+ (real world coding). For teachers looking to utilize this platform, webinars are available to help you use the features in a remote learning environment. Free Access to the entire Platform until May 2020. Fill out the form.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE:

Voces Digital: <https://www.vocesdigital.com/>

A collection of world language titles covering Spanish levels 1-AP, French levels 1-3, and ESL levels 1-4. The program incorporates grammar, vocabulary, and comprehensible input-based approaches to language learning. Each title in the Voces library contains audio and video, speaking exercises, interactive activities, authentic resources, presentations, assessments, stunning photographs, differentiation options, and customizable lessons. Free Access to the Full program until June 30, 2020. Fill out the form and you will be contacted with your login information!

LANGUAGE ARTS:

Age of Learning, ABCmouse, Adventure Academy, ReadingIQ: (Includes Pre-K)

[ABCMouse.com](https://www.abcmouse.com) Early Learning Academy is a comprehensive, research-validated curriculum for preschool through second grade, available on all major digital platforms and used by tens of millions of children to date. Adventure Academy is a first-of-its-kind educational massive

multiplayer online game, serving elementary and middle-school aged children with thousands of learning activities in a fun and safe virtual world. ReadingIQ is a digital library and literacy platform for children 12 and under designed by reading experts to improve literacy skills, with many thousands of expert-curated books from leading publishers. Free Full Access. Fill out form on the website.

Book Creator App: <https://bookcreator.com/2020/03/support-for-schools-affected-by-coronavirus/>

Book Creator is a simple way for your students to make their own eBooks. This platform can be used to create for any subject across any grade level. The resources hub gives you a range of lesson ideas or create your own assignment that lets your students get creative to demonstrate their knowledge! There is also a list of ways that Book Creator can help with remote learning on the website. Premium feature – real-time collaboration on books for free. Create an account, start the collaboration trial, and fill out a short form to get access to this feature.

Elementari: <https://www.elementari.io/>

Engages students to write their own story, working at their own pace. The platform provides illustrations to inspire stories, develop analytical thinking, and provide a source of pride for students in their personal writing and coding projects. Elementari is used around the world for writing in student’s native language and for second language learning. Teachers can review and give feedback on students’ stories remotely. Free Access to the Entire Platform. Fill out form to receive access.

Epic!: <https://www.getepic.com/>

Epic! is the leading digital library for kids 12 and under, and it is free for educators. With Epic! you instantly get access to 35,000 of the best books, learning videos, quizzes, & more. The books have a feature that will read aloud the story to your students. Always Free for Teachers Visit the website and sign up!

MATH:

MathScore <http://www.mathscore.com/products/online-math-practice/signup/quote/>

Adaptive Online Math Practice, 1st grade through high school.

Mangahigh: <https://www.mangahigh.com/en-us/blog/2020-03-06-free-access-schools-online-maths-coronavirus>

A math platform that is built on the ethos of collaboration, community, and competition. These elements are ingrained in both the teacher and student experience of the platform. As a teacher, you will get access to a full reporting dashboard and a full account for each student so they can continue their learning at home on any device available to them. You can assign and assess students’ performance online and exchange messages with your students all within the virtual environment. Full Access for Teachers and Students for 60 days (will extend if you are still closed.) Register by using this link: <https://app.mangahigh.com/en-us/register/CV19>.