Navigating Change

A Virtual Learning Series from Military Child Education Coalition®

Thank you for joining us for Session 5: Successful Digital Teaching and Learning. On the following pages, you’ll find the resources that were shared. Should you have any questions, please feel free to email us at pd@militarychild.org. We look forward to seeing you at the next session. Be sure to check https://militarychild.org/covid19 for additional resources.
Session 5

Successful Digital Teaching and Learning

The student-teacher relationship is the heart of education, so how can we set out to make digital teaching and learning successful during this time of social distancing? Studies show that online learning can improve student outcomes by increasing motivation, engagement, and collaboration. As we all embrace this unique opportunity to enhance and transform student learning, join us for this exciting look at the essentials needed to make the shift from traditional classroom instruction.
Resources

**Wi-fi hotspots** on school buses around South Carolina, Austin, TX and (small) Knob Noster School, MO

**EdWeek: The Scramble to Move America’s Schools Online**
https://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2020/03/26/the-scramble-to-move-americas-schools-online.html

**Amplify** - curriculum (Science, Math, ELA for grades K-8...now offering online courses for free.
https://freeresources.amplify.com/

**Teaching Special Education Online During COVID-19 from the Council for Exceptional Children**
https://www.cec.sped.org/Tools-and-Resources/Resources-for-Teaching-Remotely/TeachingSpedOnline

**Free Resources for Schools During COVID-19 Outbreak from THE Journal**

**Resources & Tips for Remote Education During School Closures**
https://thejournal.com/articles/2020/03/16/resources-tips-for-remote-education-during-school-closures.aspx
Resources

Moving to Remote Instruction Immediately: Where to Get Started

Resources for learning from home during COVID-19 school closures (Fordham Institute)
https://fordhaminstitute.org/national/commentary/resources-learning-home-during-covid-19-school-closures

NAEYC Resources for COVID19
https://www.naeyc.org/resources/topics/covid-19

Some Solutions
- Combined online and “packet” learning
- Extend school year

Facebook Communities for Educators
Facebook for Education Group
Future Ready Librarians
USA Teaching Online School Closure
Tools and Strategies

10 IDEAS TO MEANINGFULLY CONNECT THROUGH REMOTE LEARNING

@GCOUROS

- Daily check-ins via video conferences or email
- Respond to journal entries digitally
- Make online interactions positive
- Get families involved in the learning
- Be flexible in how the learning will look and how the students demonstrate their learning
- Give opportunities for learners to show their passion
- Have them ask questions every single day and find those answers
- Find out their dreams and try to help them move closer to their goals
- Be flexible with the time when students participate
- Get feedback from learners and have them be involved in the planning process, within the guidelines of what is required

@GeorgeCouros via Twitter

Military Child Education Coalition®
909 Mountain Lion Circle, Harker Heights, TX 76548 | 254.953.1923 | militarychild.org | CFC #10261
Non-Tech Dependent Distance Learning Lesson Design

**Set the Stage**

Welcome students to class. Provide overview of protocols for the upcoming learning experience.

Format: text on first page of packet of activities

Make a personal connection. Students benefit from hearing from you, even if it is in writing. Overview prepares students for the learning experience with clear expectations.

**Content**

Direct students to explore resources to access and explore academic content.

Format: texts, images, visual models, instruction to notice & wonder about surrounding environment, etc.

Multiple methods of representation of content will increase access for all learners.

**Synthesize Learning**

Provide students opportunities to demonstrate learning using a method of their choice

Format: writing, interactive notebook, sketchnotes, graphic organizer, etc.

Multiple options for demonstrating understanding addresses learner variability and increases motivation.

**Collaboration**

Provide students opportunities to engage with content in a collaborative environment

Format: students discuss learning with family member & take notes

Remote learning that connects rather than isolates builds community and strengthens learning.

Aligns to UDL Guidelines 7.1, 8.3, 2.5, 5.1

#OrganicEdTech

@kat_goyette
Tools and Strategies

K-12 LMS Examples:

- **Seesaw**
  Remote learning guide
- **Google Classroom**
- **Schoology**
  Distance Learning Readiness Kit
- **Canvas**
  Tools for Online Learning
- **Edmodo**
  Distance Learning Toolkit
How to record easy-to-load video with **Screencastify**

1. **Add the Screencastify Chrome extension.**
   - Click the Screencastify button (pink) in the top right corner of Google Chrome. **Click the settings button** (left).

2. **Change any the following settings to make the video files much smaller:**
   1. **Resize tab** (the size of the browser tab)
   2. **Limit resolution** (video quality of the file)
   3. **Max frame rate** (# of video frames per second)

3. **Using the options in the Screencastify menu** (see step 1), **record a video** of your screen, of your webcam, or both. Once it’s finished, **trim it** (1), upload it to Google Drive (my recommendation) or YouTube. **Copy the link** (2) to share with students **OR use the “Share to Google Classroom” button** (3) to share it with your students.

*Infographic by Matt Miller (Blog: DitchThatTextbook.com; Twitter: @jmattmiller).*
Tools and Strategies

Wide Open School by Common Sense Media
https://wideopenschool.org/
Tools and Strategies

Apple Teacher

Distance Learning Strategies
Save time and engage students with ideas and resources for remote teaching

Google Edu

One Pager
Tips for enabling distance learning through G Suite & Chrome
Get some quick tips for engaging in distance learning strategies using G Suite and Chrome.

One Pager
Enable distance learning through Hangouts Meet
Get some quick tips for engaging in distance learning strategies using Hangouts Meet.

Training
Build interactive lessons
Create interactive slides and docs that leverage hyperlinks and media content to vary the activity and content modality so as to engage students learning remotely.
I CANNOT CONTROL
(So, I can LET GO of these things.)

IF OTHERS FOLLOW THE RULES OF SOCIAL DISTANCING
THE AMOUNT OF TOILET PAPER AT THE STORE

I CAN CONTROL
(So, I will focus on these things.)

THE ACTIONS OF OTHERS
MY POSITIVE ATTITUDE
MY OWN SOCIAL DISTANCING
LIMITING MY SOCIAL MEDIA
MY KINDNESS & GRACE
 Prediction of Others’ Motives

HOW OTHERS REACT
HOW LONG THIS WILL LAST
TURNING OFF THE NEWS
REASONS HAVING FUN THINGS TO DO AT HOME
GETTING THE NEWS
LIMITING MY SOCIAL MEDIA
MY POSITIVE ATTITUDE
NO ADDITIONAL ACTIONS OF OTHERS

Clipart: Carrie Stephens Art
TheCounselingTeacher.com

Military Child Education Coalition®
909 Mountain Lion Circle, Harker Heights, TX 76548 | 254.953.1923 | militarychild.org | CFC #10261
Chat with us!

Think and Share: What are some ways you and your schools are providing remote instruction?

- Microsoft Teams
- Email with printable worksheets, zoom conferences
- We are using Google Classroom
- We are using Zoom, paper/pencil packets, computer programs, Google Classroom, FaceTime
- Microsoft teams, Schoology,
- Canvas
- Homework packets handed weekly or sent via website...
- Packets, zoom, posting resources on Schoology
- Packets for those who don't have internet
- Ready Rosie activities. That's Readyrosie for you... works w/household items...
- Teachers want parents to initial learning plan at the end of the week to ensure work is being completed.
- Limited resources for special needs children
- Google Meet, Google sites, Google Classroom
- I plan to use a checklist for my functional students
- Google classroom, Edgenuity, Zoom, etc.
- Teletherapy for SLPs, mental health therapists
- Google hangout
- Telephonic counseling for Military Family Life Counselors

Keep reading…
• Concern: How do you address teachers professional development since some of them are not used to the new technology?
• Recorded classes can be re-watched by students
• Private FB pages for grades that can show pics of the different ways that kids are learning that day.
• Flexibility!
• My preschooler had a zoom meeting today with her teacher and classmates - they practiced counting, consonant sounds, and the teacher read a story. It was so sweet, and she was thrilled to see her teacher and friends - think for little ones, seeing and interacting is important
• Kids are already good at this, engaging in YouTube, Skype, facetime etc. - That is so true...my granddaughter does all this...
• Internet is an issue for folks here - same expectation - drive to a public place...absolutely ridiculous
• I've learned zoom screen sharing is fantastic as is the whiteboard, using YouTube or whatever you want to make connections with where the student is, in my scope as it relates to mental health and of course academically.
• Some local schools are offering free "hot spots"
• Seesaw? (Tool for remote learning: https://web.seesaw.me/)
• Concern: How do you manage distractions in digital learning for kids?

Keep reading…
• Hopefully schools will engage parents in more digital technology to support their students
• More on-line classes on the secondary level
• Hopefully there will be better understanding from parents of the world of education and therefore more parent involvement
• I think we schools will become more of a hybrid learning environment, much like the university model.
• Most classrooms will probably be more modern since we have learned new strategies.
• Teachers will be more appreciated and hopefully be compensated better. In the case that anything like this happens again we may be better prepared
• More blended learning opportunities for sure. Students will have a say in the learning content and modality
• Teacher appreciation and investment in technology
• I'm curious to see if school districts start to consider year-round school options to minimize disruptions
• I also think on-line classes for secondary schools. Allowing them to learn better time management skills before college
• I think "School" and the "classroom" will take on new definitions generally speaking as they continue to evolve.
• Do you think we'll see more AR and VR infused in learning from this?
• This could also be helpful with students who are sick and not missing out of class instruction.
• One other benefit from conducting online interactions is the opportunity to reduce of the impulsive behaviors that have negative impact on the learning environment. Having the opportunity to "pause" and fashion a thoughtful response will improve communication and maintain a level of respect in the learning environment
Since its inception, the Military Child Education Coalition® (MCEC®) has dedicated itself to delivering high-quality programs, services, and professional development to meet the needs of military-connected students, parents, and professionals. 2020 is the perfect time to take a fresh look at the challenges facing our military families and how MCEC might best respond to those challenges.

The Military Kids Now Education Survey is YOUR opportunity - whether you are a military-connected student (age 13 and up), a military-connected parent with school-aged children, or a professional who supports them - to sound off about your experiences.

If you can check both the parent and professional boxes, please pick the one that most resonates with you. We also encourage you to take the survey again for the other viewpoint.

Responses are anonymous. We anticipate that the survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete, depending on your responses. We appreciate you taking the time to share your experiences with us. Let your voice be heard and help us continue to serve military children today, tomorrow, and in the future!

https://milkidsnoweducationsurvey.questionpro.com/