



|| Educational Resources for Parents

The SDE is providing links to curricular resources, without endorsement, to assist (school districts and charter schools OR families) in meeting the educational needs of students in these trying times. Each resource on this list has been vetted and is a trustworthy source of lessons, worksheets, and activities for students to accomplish while learning at home.

GENERAL RESOURCES

[Parent Educational Resource Center](#)

A State of Idaho Digital Learning Portal with content that spans kindergarten through 12th grade, across multiple subjects.

[Amazing Educational Resources](#)

Curated list of educational resources ranging across all grades and subjects. This list includes education companies offering free subscriptions due to school closures.

[We Are Teachers- K-12](#)

These sites have lesson plans and activities ready to go on a variety of subjects for any grade.

[Khan Academy](#)

Khan Academy, a math resource familiar to most parents, has upped their offering, providing Parents with ideas for daily schedules for students ages 4-18 to keep learning using Khan Academy. A Parent quick Start Guide, frequently asked questions as well as information about how to use Khan Official SAT Practice with your child are all available free of charge.

[National Geographic](#)

Lessons that are usually shared with teachers are being adapted for parents at home using minimal supplies and harnessing student creativity. They are pulling together videos, interactive maps and activities to encourage young learners to explore social studies, biology, ecology, human geography and much more.

[ReadWriteThink](#)

This website gives families access to activities and projects, games and tools, tips and how-to's, printouts, and podcasts to help enhance reading and writing.

[GreatSchools.org](#)

Offers grade level tool kits with worksheets, videos, and books around specific skills students need to master. They also provide practical advice on how to set up at-home learning.



[Stem at Home](#)

A one stop-shop for STEM-related activities, experiments, and other STEM-related resources! These FREE resources will help ensure our STEM enthusiasts stay engaged during school closures, and that educators have the online learning tools they need to explore STEM horizons in new ways.

[Scholastic](#)

Parent resource from Scholastic. Scholastic updates this page frequently, with resources ranging from K-8.

[ACT Academy](#)

ACT Academy™ is a free online learning resource for students seeking to improve their academic skills through individualized learning plans. Practice tests for PreACT® and the ACT® test are also available.

- [Kaplan Live Sessions](#)
Provided by Kaplan, these ACT test prep sessions and events feature digital learning and live online instruction.
- [ACT Voice-Based Assistant](#)
Amazon Alexa guides users through the ACT registration process, including finding test dates and locations.
- [College Research Worksheet](#)
This free guide, offered through the American College Application Campaign (ACAC), helps students understand match, fit and cost when researching colleges and identifying which schools they want apply to.

[DMT Institute](#)

The Idaho based Developed Mathematical Thinking Institute has free math fact practice tools that will give students a virtual timed math fact assessment.

[Wide Open School](#)

The Wide Open School website published by Common Sense has resources for both parents and educators for all grades in all subjects.

PRE-K – GRADE 6

[Smarty Ants](#)

Smarty Ants is a special partnership between the Idaho State Department of Education and Achieve3000 that provides all 4-year-olds in Idaho, as well as 5-year-olds who haven't yet entered kindergarten, a free subscription to an early literacy program designed for young learners. Smarty Ants helps parents jump-start their children's literacy achievement, ensuring they're on track to succeed in school and beyond.

[We Are Teachers- Elementary Learners](#)



List of a number of online learning resources for grades K-5.

[Scholastic Learn at Home](#)

After clicking on the appropriate grade level, this website gives you access to day-by-day projects to keep kids reading, thinking, and growing.

[Lakeshore Learning](#)

A free resource with worksheets and lessons plans for young learners in Math, ELA, Social Studies, and science.

[Zearn](#)

A highly engaging math site with classroom lessons that are “gamified” and adaptive. Tutorial webinars are provided for families/caregivers and students on how to navigate the site. In order to access this math tool, parents must set up a free account. Easy step-by-step directions are provided in English and Spanish.

[Reading Rockets Packets](#) (PK-3):

Themed reading resources for families including parent information sheets with instructions about how to use the packet, two books: one fiction and one nonfiction, and follow-up activities to extend the learning.

[Story Online](#)

Provides literacy resources featuring the world’s best storytellers reading books out loud. Each video includes an activity guide.

[Brainpop](#)

Provides students with informational videos that explain everything from science and social studies to art, music and health in great detail. It is particularly good at introducing new vocabulary that is subject-specific.

[Math’s Chase](#)

This is an online tool to help children practice multiplication facts and other skill-based math games.

SECONDARY STUDENTS

[We Are Teachers- Secondary Students](#)

List of online learning resources for grades 6-12.

[College Board](#)

Subject specific practice tests in math, English, and writing as well as review answers and explanations, to not only help prepare for college entrance exams but also to practice college level work.



ALEKS

Several of Idaho's colleges use a product called ALEKS PPL for placement testing and online tutorials for incoming students. In an effort to help Idaho seniors prepare for their first year of college, this company is offering high school seniors an opportunity to begin working in the ALEKS program now. Tests taken at home cannot count for placement, but working in this program may help improve a senior's placement in a math course as a freshman. Official placement tests will need to be taken in person proctored by the college.

Big History Project

A free, online social studies course that emphasizes skill development as students draw mind-blowing connections between past, present and future. BHP delivers a big picture look at the world, and helps students develop a framework to organize what they're learning both in and out of school.

Digital History Reader (U.S. History)

This online learning experience is designed to enable students to develop the analytical skills employed by historians.

Digital History Reader (European History)

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Next Gen Personal Finance

Has developed a collection of lessons, interactives, assessments, and other resources for engaging students with quality personal finance curriculum.