

## Continuity of Education Plan

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### Goal of Plan

The overall goal of the continuity of education plan is to provide educational resources, materials, and opportunities for students to continue sharpening their academic skills during the time in which our school district is closed. We aim to bridge the gap between instructional days.

### Overview of Plan

The district's continuity of education plan focuses upon providing enrichment and review opportunities for students by providing materials, resources, and direction from teachers through both online resources and also physical paper folders for those who do not have electronic access. Teachers have put in time to develop and produce resources, materials, and to provide direction in relation to access for students during this time.

### Expectations for Teaching and Learning

Utilizing the enrichment/review method of providing instruction for students during the duration of closure for Union School District is intended to bridge the gap between instructional days for students. Teachers have invested time in building resources and instructional materials for student access which are intended to provide educational opportunities for students within the home which would otherwise not be accessible. Students who have Internet access will be able to engage with online resources and materials related to their educational program. Students who do not have Internet capabilities within the home may access comparable resources through the use of physical resources provided by the school.

### Communication Tools and Strategies

The district has utilized its website, the mass calling OneCall System, and initiated personal phone calls to each and every family through teachers to collaborate the provision of educational services. Being a small school district, it has afforded the personal communication which may not be possible in larger districts.

### Access (Devices, Platforms, Handouts)

Multiple online resources are being utilized to provide educational materials during our closure. Google Classroom is used most often by teaching staff, other resources listed in the Resource links portion of this plan are also used as supplementals.

Most students have access to school provided Chromebooks or other devices in their homes. Students who do not have access to a device or Internet in the home do have access to physical copies of resources at the school.

#### Staff General Expectations

Staff have been expected to provide for a minimum of two weeks of educational materials and resources for students which varies based upon the age/grade level of each student. Each faculty member has custom designed their instruction to meet the needs of their students and is based upon the current progress which has been achieved. Older students have more work and flexibility in assignments than do younger students.

#### Student Expectations

Students are expected to access to the best of their ability all resources, materials, and assignments to best support their education. Although current instruction is optional for all students, as we are providing for enrichment and review, should the district transition to planned instruction in the future, instruction and assignments would then become mandatory.

#### Attendance / Accountability

Until such time as the district may choose to transition to planned instruction, attendance is considered optional at this time.

#### Good Faith Efforts for Access and Equity for All Students

Teachers have contacted each and every family to determine their ability to access educational resources and materials. Each family who does not have means to access electronic versions of educational resources have been provided with the opportunity to receive printed materials instead.

#### Special Education Supports

Special education staff are continuing to contact parents via telephone to communicate and coordinate the individual needs for each student with an IEP. As available, educational services and supports will continue to be provided through electronic or other means which still provide for appropriate social distancing.

#### EL Supports

Currently there are no students who require EL supports in the district. Should we encounter the need, our ELL teacher will coordinate with content area teachers to provide for appropriate services through our current distance education model.

Gifted Education
Faculty continue to work with content and grade level teachers to provide for enrichment and advancement opportunities as available during our closure. Unfortunately, many of the competitions and trips normally experienced are currently not available, but virtual field trips, and online competitions are still available.

Building/Grade Level Contacts
<p>Primary Contacts:</p> <p>K-6 – Mr. Thomas Minick, (814) 473 – 3989 or (814) 745 - 2152</p> <p>7-12 – Ms. Kris Glosser (814) 473 - 3121</p>

Resource Links
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vooks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.vooks.com/?ck_subscriber_id=567962593">https://www.vooks.com/?ck_subscriber_id=567962593</a> (a streaming service with read-aloud, animated storybooks. Each storybook includes free lesson plans. 1 month free trial)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Epic! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.getepic.com/?ck_subscriber_id=567962593">https://www.getepic.com/?ck_subscriber_id=567962593</a> (a digital library of books with learning videos and quizzes. 1 month free trial)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Storyline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.storylineonline.net">https://www.storylineonline.net</a> (free website with a library of read-aloud books read by celebrities! All books in their library include teacher guides but newer book additions also include parent guides as well)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• ReadWorks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.readworks.org">https://www.readworks.org</a> (free K-12 reading passages with comprehension questions and vocabulary check-ins, audio versions are available on all passages.)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• NewsELA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://newsela.com">https://newsela.com</a> (free access for the rest of school year- materials related to literature, writing, or specific reading skills)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• News2You <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.n2y.com">https://www.n2y.com</a> (adapted news articles focusing on current events. Sample lessons are available for free)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• ABC Mouse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.abcmouse.com/abt/homepage">https://www.abcmouse.com/abt/homepage</a> (online learning service with lessons in all educational areas- includes supplementary activities, games, books, puzzles, printable, progress tracking, and more. 30 day free trial)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Scholastic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html?promo_code=6294&amp;eml=CM/smd/20200312/txtl/sm/ed">https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html?promo_code=6294&amp;eml=CM/smd/20200312/txtl/sm/ed</a> (free articles and teaching resources with text to speech capabilities- preK-high school)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Learning A-Z <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.learninga-z.com/site/lp2/covid19">https://www.learninga-z.com/site/lp2/covid19</a> (offering educators free access to RAZ Kids and/or Headsprout for remainder of the school year)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• GoNoodle Games <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.gonoodle.com/blog/gonoodle-games-movement-app-for-kids/">https://www.gonoodle.com/blog/gonoodle-games-movement-app-for-kids/</a> (app</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

for games designed to “wake up” bodies, engage minds, and let them have tons of fun)

- Here's an entire list of other **educational platforms offering free subscriptions** (this list was compiled by Kids Activities blog)
  - <https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/135609/list-of-education-companies-offering-free-subscriptions/>