

# EDUCATING ALL LEARNERS DURING THE COVID-19 DISASTER

An alliance dedicated to equity for complex learners



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The Educating All Learners Alliance is committed to providing a website that is accessible to the widest possible audience, regardless of circumstance and ability. This site was created rapidly to respond to the immediate needs of educators during the COVID-19 crisis, and we are in the process of redesigning certain elements to fully meet Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.0, Level AA) published by the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C).

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**55.1m**

**K-12 students are currently affected by school closures**

**7.5m**

**students in special education are currently affected by school closure**

**124,000**

**K-12 schools in the United States are closed**

# EDUCATING ALL LEARNERS

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the many ways in which public schools strengthen the fabric of community life and provide a safety net for our most vulnerable students. Rapidly evolving school closures and remote operation of schools are presenting tremendous challenges to families, students, educators, and administrators alike.



most likely to benefit from inclusive and equitable school management. Remote school operation is on course to compound and further exacerbate the disparities imposed by race and class for students who receive special education services.

As schools shift to online learning, the needs of students with disabilities are too often put on the back burner—instead, they must be considered from the beginning. Family communication, online instruction, teleconferencing and counseling, independent study, blended learning, needs assessment, and data tracking and analytics are each stronger and more effective when they are designed to meet the needs of all learners.

The Educating All Learners Alliance (EALA) is an uncommon coalition of organizations committed to resource sharing and community-building that supports the efforts of the education community to meet the needs of students with disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are committed to showing the path to possible for practitioners by providing curated, searchable resources, access to experts, and examples from the field.

# How to use this site.

This is an effort for educators, by educators.

**Search the resource library.** Our experts have curated a list of credible and actionable resources paired with examples from the field of schools and teachers adapting ways of meeting student needs. Use the search function to find a resource or example quickly. If we're missing something you need, let us know - we'll use our alliance to find it or create it!

**Join the member community.** Create a login and post discussion questions, participate in the discussion, share a bright spot, or write a blog post.

**Contribute to a Forum.** Forums are an area of the site where you can connect with your peers to discuss successes and challenges. Our national experts will also join the conversation.

**Submit a resource.** We know how much ingenuity is out there. Submit a resource



**Attend a webinar.** Every week we will have three webinars or office hours for you to ask experts direct questions and get the information you need.

**Sign up for updates.**

## TIP OF THE WEEK

Many of the tools you may be using, like Google Classroom, have a host of built-in accessibility features. In Google Classroom, select-to-speak lets students hear the text they choose on screen spoken out loud, with word-by-word visual highlighting for better audio-visual connection.

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### Contribute a Resource

We believe that there are bright spots all over the field. Share a tool, tip, or a bright spot with the Educating All Learner Community community for a chance to be featured on the EALA website.

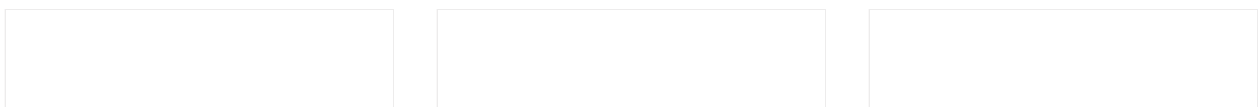
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