

MCEC COVID-19 Resources for PARENTS All Grades K-12

Adapting to a Virtual Learning Environment A virtual learning environment is a new experience for many military-connected children. In this webinar we will identify the challenges of virtual learning, followed by discussing ways to balance learning in a home setting. We will also share best practices for school-aged children and youth to help create a successful virtual learning experience.

<u>Audiobooks for Kids</u> Blog post with ways to find free or inexpensive audiobooks.

<u>Coding, Computer Skills</u> Scratch lets you program your own interactive stories, games, and animations — and share your creations with others in the online community. Scratch is a project of the Lifelong Kindergarten Group at the MIT Media Lab. It is provided free of charge.

COVID-19 Home Education Resources on Facebook

<u>Create and Publish Storybooks</u> StoryBird is a social storytelling site helps kids create, publish storybooks. It helps develop students' writing and digital citizenship skills through storybook creation.

<u>Educational Netflix Shows</u> List of 30 educational shows streaming on Netflix grouped by elementary, middle, and high school.

<u>Educational Resources/Subscriptions</u> and <u>Education Companies Offering Free Subscriptions</u> Lists of companies offering free subscriptions because of school closings. Please be aware that several companies put limitations on free subscriptions.

<u>Educational Sites</u> List of 40 educational sites that challenge kids' minds, teaching everything from chemistry to reading comprehension.

<u>Educational Apps, Games, Websites</u> Common Sense Media has a plethora of tips and tools to adapting to at -home learning, including tips for virtual learning, resources for digital citizenship, building a daily schedule, activities and more.

<u>Health, PE</u> Free on-demand programs available on YMCA360.org include some of the Y's most popular group exercise classes including kids' activities or youth sports performance.

<u>Learning Resource for All Subjects</u> Khan Academy has exercises, videos and articles for students in every grade level. Parents and teachers can also use the teacher tools to monitor progress and assign specific work. This could be made even more powerful if it is complemented with Google Hangout, Zoom or Skype video conference sessions with teachers and classmates. <u>Sample Schedules</u> for grades K-12.

For More Information: ParenttoParent@MilitaryChild.org

<u>Military Kids Connect</u> is an online community for military children ages 6-17. It gives access to ageappropriate resources to support children dealing with the unique psychological challenges of military life.

<u>Military OneSource</u> Military OneSource has a wealth of information for Military Families, including online learning resources while schools are closed. It also offers counseling help: 800-342-9647 or live chat 24/7. Check out Military OneSource on Facebook.

<u>Projects, Activities for All Ages</u> Lists service projects you can do from home.

<u>Read Print</u> is a free online library that contains thousands of novels, poems, plays, and stories in the public domain. You can search for books by author, title, or genre.

Read, Write, Think has free lesson plans, resources, practices in reading and language arts instruction for grades K-12.

<u>Reading and Learning Activities</u> Scholastic Learn at Home has day-by-day projects to keep kids reading, thinking and growing. Every day includes learning experiences, each built around a thrilling, meaningful story or video. Kids can do them on their own or with their families. Grade levels are: PreK and K; Grades 1-2; Grades 3-5; Grades 6-9.

<u>Schedule Maker</u> or <u>Schedule Builder</u>

<u>STEM Resources for At-Home</u> Ideas for helping stay curious and learn science and engineering concepts, including an editable STEM calendar with activities. Requires an email to subscribe to their site. Once you sign up, you'll get a password to unlock the resources and activities.

Tutoring Tutor.com offers help for all age groups, skill levels and subjects. Free for eligible Military Families.

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