



BUILDING EXCELLENCE IN DEKALB



RESOURCE FOR *Parents and Youth*

More than 300 million students worldwide education have been disrupted by the spread of Coronavirus. Schools haven't faced this level of disruption in generations, but unlike any time in the past, Human Services division of Youth Services is providing resources that will help continue education even when schools are closed.

Our parents and students are at the heart of DeKalb County and we are committed to helping everyone have positive learning experience. That's why we're providing access to the best virtual learning tools and field trips.



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Virtual LEARNING TOOLS

ACADEMY OF ACTIVE LEARNING ARTS AND SCIENCES & FLIPPED LEARNING GLOBAL INITIATIVE

Published the “Rapid Transition to Online Learning,” a roadmap for making the rapid shift to online learning during school closures. The resources include a checklist for administrators, another for IT managers, a transition plan and video tutorial for teachers and access to an international team of volunteers who have stepped forward to answer questions. The organization is continuing to seek volunteers for the program.

<https://aalasinternational.org/>

ADOBE

Offering free access to Creative Cloud tools through May for home use by students attending schools that currently only provide lab access through May.

<https://helpx.adobe.com/enterprise/kb/covid-19-education-labs.html>

AMAZON'S PROGRAM

Amazon Future Engineer, is providing free online access to sponsored computer science courses in the United States. That's intended for learners in grades 6-12, and teachers who are remotely teaching this age group. Parents can also access this curriculum. Future Engineer typically targets under-represented students to draw them into CS education. Courses include “Computer Science Explorations” for middle schoolers; and “Introduction to Computer Science in Python” and the Advanced Placement-oriented “Computer Science Principles” and “Computer Science A.” The company is working with curriculum partner, Edhesive, to grant teachers and students access to these free courses shortly after they complete an online application.

https://edhesive.com/amazon/free_access

(PARENTS) AMPLIFY

Assembled resources to help those using the program to implement remote learning plans. Coverage encompasses mCLASS, Reading, Science, Fractions and English language arts. <https://freeresources.amplify.com/>

AGE OF LEARNING

Offering families at affected schools free at-home access to ABCmouse, a learning resource for ages 2 to 8; Adventure Academy, is open for students ages 8 to 13; and ReadingIQ, a digital library and literacy platform is available for children 12 and under. <https://www.ageoflearning.com/>

BLOOMZ

Opening the premium version of its communication service for free to all schools through Jun. 30, 2020. The software allows users to communicate updates in real-time to parents and students; and share lessons, student work and feedback. <https://www.bloomz.net/>

BOOLEAN GIRL

Launched live, online events to help teach students “to code, build, invent and animate.” The events, which are taking place every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 4 p.m. Eastern time, introduce new engineering and coding projects to increase interest and engagement around STEM. Each is being recorded so that students can watch the session afterwards if they miss the live presentation.

<https://booleangirl.org/full-stem-ahead/>

BRAINPOP

Our job right now at BrainPOP is to help make access to home learning as easy as possible so we can be of service during this difficult time.

https://go.brainpop.com/COVID19?utm_source=bp-com&utm_medium=banner&utm_campaign=coronavirus&utm_content=free-access
(Use promo code: BPCVFAE1)

CARNEGIE MELLON

Reiterated availability of “Computer Science Academy,” a free, online, interactive high school CS curriculum. CS1 is the year-long flagship course, with 120 hours of instruction and a “robust introduction” to coding with Python through graphics and animations. This course is available to educators with teacher accounts. CS0 is a “lite” version, which includes about 40 hours of instruction and is intended for middle school, out-of-school programs and summer camp settings. This course is available for both mentor and teacher accounts.

<https://academy.cs.cmu.edu/coronavirus2020>

CHILDREN MUSEUM OF ATLANTA

While schools are shut down across the country, The Children Museum of Atlanta (CMA) is offering their new virtual programming, #CMAatHome, to help families keep their little ones engaged and learning. CMA will post daily at 11 AM, so please check that out if you haven't already.

<https://childrensmuseumatlanta.org/blog/>

(PARENTS) CLASSTAG

Made its communication platform freely available to help districts and schools communicate with their families. The software sends messages through SMS, email, apps and the web and automatically translates them into one of 55 languages. The platform can also be used to post videos, assignments and other resources for students to access at home and allow users to run virtual lessons with a video conferencing tool, such as Zoom. ClassTag has launched a "rapid onboarding program" that provides a hands-on demo and phone and chat support to get schools launched in under 48 hours.

<https://home.classtag.com>

CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES (PARENTS)

Made printable at-home activity packs available for students that include self-directed and practice exercises. Reading and math packets are available for each grade from kindergarten through grade 8. Teacher guides have also been made available.

<https://www.curriculumassociates.com/supporting-students-away-from-school>

EDHELPER.COM, (PARENTS)

Produces printable worksheets and educational resources to teachers and homeschooling parents, said it would be publishing free daily workbooks for students who are out of school. The workbooks include math and writing exercises for elementary students. The company said the contents would be updated daily.

<https://www.edhelper.com/teacher-education/best-teaching-and-classroom-ideas.htm>

EDUCATIONAL INSIGHTS (WORKSHEET)

Compiled a set of free at-home worksheets for young learners. Those activities cover reading and language arts practice worksheets for grades K-2, spelling riddles for grades 4-6 and math for pre-k-2; as well as coloring, crafts and "brain benders" (word searches, riddles, connect-the-dots and mazes, among other games).

<https://www.educationalinsights.com/at-home-activities-for-kids>

ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA

Offering all schools and students free access to its "LaunchPacks" science and social studies learning content. The sets are intended for students in K-12 and provide articles, images, videos and primary sources of information, presented in an "engaging interface," optimized for smart devices. The resources are translated into multiple languages.

<https://britannicalearn.com/covid-19-free-resources/>

HAND2MIND

Making free math activities for home access available. Those include downloadable lessons and "virtual manipulatives" for grades K-8.

<https://www.hand2mind.com/resources/lessons>

INSIDE THE ELA CLASSROOM

This publication is a special edition newsletter to pull together activities, digital learning resources, ideas and guidance to assist with digital learning opportunities for our students.

<https://www.smores.com/73jsb>

PRODIGY

Prodigy offer engaging, curriculum-aligned math platform designed to motivate first-through eighth grade students to learn and practice math. No cost, ever.

<https://www.prodigygame.com/>



*Virtual***FIELD TRIPS**

VIRTUAL TOUR OF REID PARK ZOO

reidparkzoo.org/cameras/elephant-cam/

VIRTUAL TOUR OF GEORGIA AQUARIUM

www.georgiaaquarium.org/at-home-learning-with-georgia-aquarium/

VIRTUAL TOUR OF FIELD TRIPS

freedomhomeschooling.com/virtual-field-trips/

12 AMAZING VIRTUAL MUSEUMS TOURS

www.usatoday.com/story/travel/2020/03/17/museums-tour-virtually-closed-for-coronavirus/5067867002/

COVID-19 UPDATES
dekalbcountyga.gov/Covid-19/Response



STUDENT LOANS

CORONAVIRUS AND FORBEARANCE INFO
FOR STUDENTS, BORROWERS, AND PARENTS

March 20: Federal loan interest and payments waived for at least 60 days, for more details go to the website below or call (800) 433-7327

studentaid.gov/announcements-events/coronavirus

DO YOU KNOW YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW OWN A SMALL BUSINESS?

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has designated all counties in Georgia eligible for low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Georgia small businesses impacted by COVID-19 are now eligible to apply for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL). Please note the deadline is December 18th, 2020.

How to apply:

- Applicants may apply on-line, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

- Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance.

- Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may call (800) 877-8339. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

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UNITED WAY GREATER ATLANTA

To locate community resources during the Coronavirus crisis, click on the "Disaster" category, then on the "Coronavirus" subcategory. Select the need you are searching for <http://211online.unitedwayatlanta.org>

SENIOR LINK LINE

Do you have questions about services for seniors?

Call the **DeKalb Senior Link Line** at
770-322-2950, Monday through Friday
from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



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SERVICE LINE: 311

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The 2020 Census may be completed
on-line: www.my2020census.gov

