

## COVID 19 Pandemic Support for Education

### Supports for Families, Students, and Educators

This section was developed to provide Resources and Supports for Educators, Families, and Students during the COVID-19 situation. These supports are provided at no cost via the Bureau of Special Education, Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Please check back frequently as this page will be updated regularly with new information.

#### **NEW!!** Special Education COVID-19 Mitigation Equity Grant



- [PDF of Special Education COVID-19 Grant Application](#)

- [Secondary Transition Resources Listing](#)

- [Pennsylvania COVID-19 Compensatory Services](#)

- [Video: Special Education COVID-19 Mitigation Equity Grant Webinar 9/24/2020](#)

#### PaTTAN Family Resources for Students with Complex Learning Needs

**[PaTTAN Family Resources for Students with Complex Learning Needs](#)** It is recognized that everyone is doing their best to manage work, self-care, children's online education, and more during the COVID-19 pandemic. Families and professionals supporting children with disabilities face additional challenges. You are not in this alone. The Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN), in collaboration with the Bureau of Special Education, has created a website for families and general educators supporting complex learners at home. For the purpose of this website, a complex learner is a child, youth, or young adult with an intellectual or significant cognitive disability, multiple disabilities, and/or sensory impairment.

#### Resources

##### **[Pennsylvania Department of Education COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions](#)**

**[HUNE](#)** - HUNE is a not for profit organization that provides free bilingual English and Spanish training, technical assistance and individual assistance to families of infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities and to professionals who work with children.

**[ESL Portal PA](#)** - The ESL Portal PA is an online resource of professional learning opportunities and instructional materials that supports Pennsylvania educators and community organizations as they strive to provide equitable, high quality educational programs for English learners and their families. The portal also links to updated federal and state guidance, current educational research, instructional practice and more.

**[PEAL Center](#)** - PEAL serves families and youth across PA with offices in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. The PEAL team works with families, youth and young adults to help them: understand their rights and advocate for themselves, be included and educated in their home schools, and access high quality, coordinated physical and behavioral health care.

##### **[The Arc PA](#)**

**[Chatterpack](#)** - List of Free Speech, Language, communication and SEND resources for schools and parent/carers

**[Include ME COVID-19 Response](#)** - Support to Districts Update

**[Navigate 2020: Virtual Conference and College Fair \(May 4-6, 2020\)](#)** - Three days of live-stream presentations will help students and families understand: The impact of COVID-19 on the admission process; Financial aid and financial award programs; How to balance the application (Test scores, essay, extracurriculars, etc.); Multicultural, first generation and accessibility/disability resources on college campuses; How to find the best college fit/choose a major; What to expect the first year on campus

**[School Virtually](#)** provides information for educators and parents as schools make a quick switch to distance and online learning. Going beyond lists of resources, School Virtually provides tips on designing online instruction, using technology tools, and supporting students with disabilities and language Learners.

**PaTTAN Initiatives Resources:**

[Supporting Student with Disabilities in Virtual Environments \(SSDVE\)](#)

[Assistive Technology](#)

[Autism](#)

[Start Up Reminders and Guidelines for Autism Support Classrooms](#)

[Behavior](#)

[Blind-Visual Impairment](#)

[Deaf and Hard of Hearing](#)

[Deaf-Blind](#)

[English Learners](#)

[Family Engagement](#)

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