

Find resources to help you stay connected and in touch with your students and families while learning continues. >

## Special education and accessibility resources for remote learning

For special educators, diversity demands they provide inclusive, accessible learning environments that inspire confidence and encourage independence differently for each student. Learn about how to create a personalized and engaging remote learning experience for all of your students through the resources provided in these pages.

These resources are intended for all educators, but will be especially helpful for educators and support staff who work in the following areas: special education, assistive technology, blind and visually impaired, deaf and hard of hearing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech language pathology, early childhood special education, behavior, counseling, school psychology, language interpretation, literacy, autism, and many other areas that assist students who need specially designed instruction.

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## Supporting a new model to deliver specially designed instruction

Remote learning and the use of technology has opened up opportunities for teachers to try new ways of providing services, collection data and connecting with students and families. Utilizing these familiar tools for a remote environment can be a powerful step toward reaching learning goals.



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## Direct student communication

**Students can send and receive communication from teachers and specialists in multiple ways. Microsoft Teams allows chats and conversations that can happen at any time, informally and similar to text messaging. Students love this flexibility.**

**Setting virtual office hours is quite useful. Many educators find that discussing some general boundaries helps to harness student expectation around teacher feedback and communication. For example, teachers may want to clarify that even if a student messages them an hour before something is due, the teacher may not reply until the next morning.**

**Sharing videos can be a great way to personalize the learning experience for students. People appreciate seeing a familiar face on video when they're in a remote setting. Flipgrid integrates nicely as a tab in Teams, and provides an easy platform for asynchronous feedback and connection.**

**A lot of communication happens through a Teams meeting, where students can meet up with teachers and specialists at a specific time to work on goals such as executive function, social emotional skills, reading, writing, or math.**



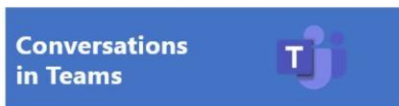
You and your students can meet synchronously to discuss content, share experiences from the day, and discuss how everyone is adapting to the transition to remote learning



If you plan to record lessons for later student viewing, you can schedule virtual office hours in Microsoft Teams where students can join a call to check in, ask questions, share insights/ideas



Flipgrid allows you and your students to record and easily share short videos, continuing the connection in asynchronously own. A daily topic can help with tracking attendance



Throughout the day and week, students can chat with their classmates and you in the Posts tab in Teams

Click on the link below to access the resources.

<https://education.microsoft.com/en-us/resource/0c6e9c42>



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