

# ISBE CONTINUING EDUCATION RESOURCES

Students can stay engaged in their education while not physically at school through home-based activities, free online resources, and technology.

Educators can consider these basic steps to continue education for students regardless of technology capabilities:

- Send books home with students and/or print out articles, poetry, and writing prompts.
- Assign a long-term research-based project aligned to multiple standards.
- Put together learning packets to review or enhance material already taught.
- Assign simple science projects that could be done at home.
- Review textbooks and print the supplemental lessons that one often does not have time to do in class.
- Use any online resources available to teachers and print assignments to do at home.
- Have students write reflection essays about a movie watched or a book read and scaffold the assignment for different age ranges.
- If your school district is providing grab-and-go meals or meal delivery, make take home packets available at the same location or through the same delivery mechanism.

ISBE's Open Educational Resources are an additional tool to consider as you continue education:

[https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Search-Results\\_Resources.aspx](https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Search-Results_Resources.aspx)

View virtual museum tours:

<https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours>

Share on social media how you're keeping students engaged in education with the hashtag #keeplearning.

## **Videoconferencing and Communication Tools**

- Zoom Videoconferencing: <https://zoom.us/signup>
- Distance Learning from Newsela - Newsela is providing free full access to all districts and schools for the remainder of the year: <https://newsela.com/about/distance-learning/>
- Seesaw - Digital portfolio sharing: <https://web.seesaw.me/>
- Remind - Communication and file sharing tool. Works via text for students who may have texting but do not have laptops. Educators can have conversations and send out assignments attached to the text: <https://www.remind.com/>
- Nearpod - Student engagement platform: <https://nearpod.com/>
- Big Blue Button - Online conferencing tool for educators: <https://bigbluebutton.org/teachers/>
- Schoology - Learning Management System: <https://www.schoology.com/k-12/packages/basic>
- Canvas - Learning Management System: <https://canvas.instructure.com/login/canvas>

## **Video Recordings and Lecture Assistance**

- Flipgrid - Create threaded video conversations on an easy to use phone app: <https://info.flipgrid.com/>
- Screencastify - Educators can record screens/lectures to share: <https://www.screencastify.com/>
- Edpuzzle - Video creation tool: <https://edpuzzle.com/>
- Camtasia - Screen recorder & video editor: <https://www.techsmith.com/video-editor.html>
- Flippity.net - turn Google spreadsheets into activities like flashcards: <https://www.flippity.net/>

**Hundreds of additional resources for e-learning can be found at <https://www.isbe.net/keeplearning>**