



Southeast Local Special Education

Parent Information for Special Education Services during Covid19 School Closure

Dear Parents,

We know you are currently being challenged in more ways than you had ever imagined. The health and well-being of your family is most important. We all have many questions and unknowns at this time, so this page is to help you with what we do know and the ways we can support you and your child from a distance.

The information on this page will probably change and be updated, as we navigate the weeks ahead. The [link](#) can be bookmarked to your web browser and checked for updated information. I hope to provide you with updates about our Intervention Specialists' services, and how they are working tirelessly to connect with your children in new ways. They miss their students and their classrooms.

I also will continue to update this page with information from our therapists. If your child has received speech, physical therapy, or fine motor therapies in the school, they will be contacting you and helping provide ideas for home. If you notice your child is struggling physically, or their skills are regressing, please reach out to a team member for help.

Finally, I will make note that all services and decisions will be on a case-by-case basis. Just as your child's needs are individualized in an IEP, their needs at home will be unique. We prioritize your child's well-being and care during this challenging time. The learning will come, through a variety of ways. Please contact your child's Intervention Specialist, Building Principal, or myself if you have questions.

Take Care,

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- Services: intervention specialists are checking in with families & students to make sure the students are able to access the packets and online learning opportunities sent by their teachers, help with any questions, or determine if there are additional needs
- Progress Reports: IEP progress reports were mailed home with the student's report card
- IEP meetings: Due to school closure, meetings will not be able to be held as previously scheduled. IEP drafts will be sent to parents either by email or mail. Options for meetings include:
 - Holding the IEP meeting over phone or setting up a google hangout emailed link, with some team members excused if needed
 - Agreeing to implementing the IEP as written and reviewing as a team when school resumes
 - Additional options can be discussed with the team
- ETR evaluations: Due to school closure evaluations of students will not be able to be completed as usual. If assessment of the student has been completed, the ETR can be reviewed over the phone. If assessments have not been started and are required for ETR completion, the ETR will be postponed until school resumes. For ETRs with upcoming due dates, options include:
 - Records Review of previous ETR and any electronically submitted data, discussed via phone conference or google meet.
 - Waive the ETR and continue with the student's current disability category. This is only applicable to some students, on a case-by-case basis.
 - Waive the ETR for now, and reconvene as a team at a later date.
- Speech & Language Therapy (SLP): Southeast SLPs have sent home individualized practice packets. Therapists will check in with families throughout the closure.
- Physical Therapy (PT): school-based physical therapists contracted through Wooster Community Hospital will be contacting all families on their caseloads on a weekly basis. Individualized packets for home-based mobility, video gross motor activities, and parent conversations will occur. Instagram: pedsmovePTOT
- Audiology (AUD): family contact will be made by our contracted audiologist to ensure access to language in the home setting for this extended period of time
- Occupational Therapy (OT): school-based occupational therapists contracted through EJ Therapy will be providing individualized packets and information to parents for home-based activities to support students' fine motor skills
- Internet Access Options:
 - MCTV- Free Internet for students k-12 or college until April 30. Call 330-833-4134
 - Spectrum Cable - Free wifi for 60 days for students without internet; to enroll 1-844-488-8395 "Student Remote Educational Offer"
- Additional Parent Information:
 - Spec Ed Questions Tri Co ESC Parent Mentor Addy Fletcher 330-621-2694 work cell, tesc_afletcher@tccsa.net
 - A Guide to Parent Rights in Special Education: procedural safeguards located at education.ohio.gov or direct [link](#)

- OHuddle can support families with many of their basic needs: <https://www.ohuddle.org/parents>
- People to People continues to provide families with food, clothing, assistance