

# Continuous Learning: Family Guide

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# *Dear Families,*

Thank you for your encouragement and support of our dynamic continuous learning plan. We have an 8-week journey ahead to learn together in an entirely new way. Our continuous learning plan began Monday, March 30 with Phase 1. This phase featured the distribution of paper packets, as well as online access to curricular programs to supplement student learning. Our plans are robust and ever-changing. Follow along with us online to make sure your students don't miss out on any great learning opportunities.

We are all in this together, and as we get rolling with our learning opportunities, our educators will be available by phone and through online opportunities to support questions your students may have.

# Continuous Learning Support

**Website:** [usd259.org/wpslearn](https://usd259.org/wpslearn)

**Hotline:** 316-973-4443  
11:00AM - 1:00PM, Monday - Friday

**Email questions to:** [homework@usd259.net](mailto:homework@usd259.net)

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# Phase 1: Began Monday, March 30

*Goal: Provide access to paper packets and online curricular programs for all students.*

- Packets are prepared to support English Language Arts and Mathematics learning for grades PreK–8.
  - Available on our district website, [www.usd259.org/WPSlearn](http://www.usd259.org/WPSlearn).
  - Packets for Week 1 were distributed at multiple school sites
  - Packets for Week 2 will be mailed to all PreK-8 students
  - Packets for Weeks 3-8 will be mailed to those who [opt in](#)
- Staff at each of our schools are reaching out by phone or email to make contact with each of our WPS students.
- Continuous learning opportunities are available in a new section on our website called WPS Learn.

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# Online Curricular Programs

Grade Levels	Reading	Math	Directions
Kindergarten - 5th Grade	Lexia Core 5 	Dreambox 	<a href="#">Remote Access</a> <a href="#">iPad for Lexia</a> <a href="#">iPad for Dreambox</a>
Middle School	Lexia PowerUp   Reading Plus 	iReady 	<a href="#">Remote Access</a>



Middle & High School students have access to the online curricular program, Xello. This program supports students in their college and career planning.

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# Phase 2: Begins Monday, April 6

- During Phase 2, which begins April 6, parents and students will begin to see the work change:
  - We will still have paper packets available for those who opt-in
  - Students will see optional learning opportunities increase as the weeks go on, in both quantity and rigor.
  - We will give particular focus to our graduating seniors, and our high school students who need to make sure they're earning the credits required to stay on track for graduation.
  - Students will also see more content from their elective teachers – music, art, PE and others – in order to provide enrichment opportunities.

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# Free Lunch Distribution

## 18 Locations Available

11:30-12:30

Mondays and Wednesdays

*Children must be present to pick up meals.*

## Yum Yummy Menu

## Safety Precautions

- When picking up meals, do not get out of vehicles.
- If walking, stay 6 ft apart from others.



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# Spring Semester Grades

**All student grades are frozen as of the end of the third quarter.**

\*High School Students concerned about graduating, GPA and future scholarship opportunities will have learning opportunities that will allow them to raise their grades.



View Final Grades  
Kindergarten - 5th Grade



View Final Grades\*  
PreK, Middle/High School

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# High School

- When contacted by the school, high school students/parents should communicate a desire to raise their grade in a course.
- Possibilities may include:
  - opportunities to raise 3rd quarter grades.
  - new assignments for 4th quarter.
- 4th Quarter / Semester 2 Grades will be posted **after May 15** to communicate with parents the FINAL course grade their student received. This grade **cannot be lower** than the posted 3rd quarter grade.

# Academic Learning Support

- Staff at each of our schools will reach out by phone or email and make contact with every one of our WPS students.
- Additionally, staff will be engaging in professional learning to develop or enhance their knowledge of the online learning resources we will make available.

## Support is available!

We have established a continuous learning hotline, and our educational leaders are prepared to help you with any questions you may have.

Parents or students can call  
**(316) 973-4443**  
Mon-Fri 11:00AM-1:00PM,  
or email at  
**[homework@usd259.net](mailto:homework@usd259.net)**.

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# WPS Learn Website

Access student packets and digital learning resources at [www.usd259.org/wpslearn](http://www.usd259.org/wpslearn)



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# ACT Information



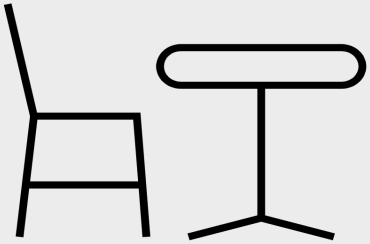
- ACT has canceled all state contract spring testing. This means no make-up dates are available in April.
- KSDE is currently working with ACT to allow make-up tests next fall for all juniors who were not able to take the test on February 25. WorkKeys make-up test information is not yet available.
- At this time ACT is still planning to offer national testing in June and July. KSDE does not reimburse schools for students taking the test on national testing dates.

# Kansas State Assessment Information

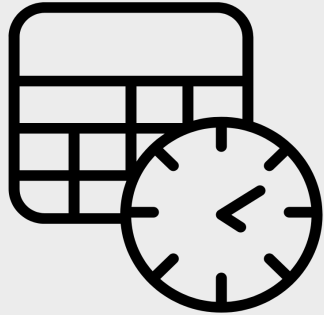
- All ELA, math and science general assessments were suspended on March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Students who took the KELPA assessment will receive score reports when they return to school in the fall.
- Kansas has requested a 2019-2020 federal waiver from required assessments and accountability.

# Learning Environment

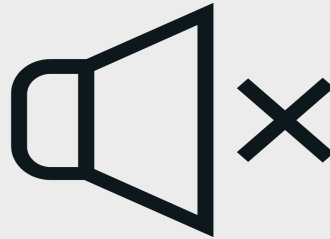
**Be in a seated position**



**Set a daily time**



**Reduce Noise**



**Daily Learning Time:**

**PreK – 30 min.**

**K-1 – 45 min.**

**2-4 – 60 min.**

**5-8 – 90 min.**

**HS– 3 hrs. MAX**

Help create an environment for your student(s) that helps promote academic success. Having a set location and time for learning tasks is a great way to create normalcy and routine. Limiting distractions, such as a lot of noise, can help your student focus on the task at hand.

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# Learning Opportunities

- As we create a “new normal” learning environment this spring, help your children learn differently. Think of outdoor activities for their physical education learning. Cooking can cover elements of math and science! There are so many projects and activities around the home that create an opportunity for you to help your student think about math and language arts learning. New learning extension ideas for students and families are available weekly in the student learning packets. Look for these great choices as ways to extend your learning.
- ***And perhaps most important, ensure your children continue to read every day. Literacy is and always will be the single most important contributor to student success.***

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# Learning Opportunities

- Collection of the Best Online Learning Experiences: <https://wideopenschool.org/>
- State of Kansas e-Library <https://kslib.info/966/Research-for-Kids>
- Wichita Public Library [www.wichitalibrary.org](http://www.wichitalibrary.org)
- Teach for Life Resources <https://teachforlife.org>
- Explore the National Parks [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)
- Explore the Wonders of the World <https://wonderopolis.org/wonders>
- Free Audio Books for Kids <https://stories.audible.com/discovery>
- Learn computer science: <https://code.org/>

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# Resources for Self-Care

- [How to Talk to Children about the Coronavirus](#)
- [How to Make a New Home Routine](#)
- [Self-Care for Parents](#)
- [Managing Stress](#)
- [125 Ideas to Keep Kids Entertained](#)
- [Get Active with GoNoodle!](#)

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# Questions?

- If you have a question you don't find an answer for, feel free to email [info@usd259.net](mailto:info@usd259.net) or call 973-4443.

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