Resources for Parents – Online Education

Montezuma-Cortez School District RE-1 is providing in-person learning. In the event the pandemic causes mandates that restrict in-person learning, our district will move to complete remote learning. Parents who wish to have their child(ren) learn from home may choose options below:

Elementary:

If parents wish for their student to remain connected to the district schools, they may also choose to enroll in the remote option of viewing the classes daily from home. It would be the parent and child's responsibility to get online daily and attend classes. This is referred to as a "synchronous" method of learning. **Please discuss this option with the administration of your school.**

Secondary:

The Southwest Colorado eSchool (SWCeS) and Montezuma-Cortez School District RE-1 have partnered to offer a full-time online schooling option for 6th-12th graders. SWCeS is an accredited regional, diploma granting online high school serving the communities of Southwest Colorado. SWCeS is a tuition free online school available to students in grades 6-12. Students enrolled in SWCeS engage in rigorous courses aligned to Colorado standards taught by licensed Colorado teachers. All courses are offered through the Internet with students participating at a distance from their home or another Internet access point. In addition to individual course instructors students have access to content area tutors, remote learning activities and various other support structures.

Through our partnership with district students attending can maintain their connection with their school community and continue to participate in school activities. We work closely with administrators, counselors and school staff with the Montezuma-Cortez School District throughout the year to ensure that students are supported and growing.

Enrollment and Registration

Students may participate in SWCeS courses starting at the beginning of any academic term. Enrollment forms and information can be found on the school's website. All students who are new to SWCeS courses will complete a short Introduction to Online learning course before beginning classwork.

To Learn more about the Southwest Colorado eSchool please visit our school website: www.southwestcoloradoeschool.org

Information:

Please reach out to us with any questions. Be sure to let us know that you are a Montezuma-Cortez student.

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Independent Learning Option Separate from the District:

Parents also have the option to manage their child's education completely on their own through a myriad of resources and online educational opportunities. The information provided below will help guide parents through this option. The district is not a partner with the other online public schools and would not be able to provide support.

How do I enroll my student in an online school or program?

Most online schools will have their own specific steps for enrollment. However, online schools typically require the same documents as a brick-and-mortar school such as a birth certificate, proof of residency, immunization records, and prior school records if applicable. You will need to be a resident of the state of Colorado for enrollment in a multi-district school. If you are enrolling in a single district school/program, you will need to be a resident of the school district that the school or program operates in.

How do I choose an online school?

Since there are many types of online schools and programs, exploring what each one has to offer is a great place to start. Make sure the school offers the grade level you require. Some schools serve grades only K-8, others K-12 and some only serve middle school and/or high school age students. In addition to different grades levels, each online school may have a different focus. Some schools serve at-risk students and may offer credit recovery for high school age students who need to catch up on credits to graduate. Other schools may serve elementary and/ or middle school age students in a more traditional model or are college preparatory. The manner of instructional delivery may also vary. Some schools may offer face to face services in addition to the online portion of their program, while others deliver instruction strictly through the computer while the student is at home. Many schools hold informational meetings that you can attend, either online or in person to get more information about their program. Visit the links below for more information about choosing an online program.

- [A Parent's Guide to Choosing the Right Online Program (iNACOL) (PDF)](#)
- [School Choice for Kids](#)

Can you recommend an online school or program?

The Office of Online and Blended Learning cannot recommend a specific school or program but seeks to provide information about the schools and programs available so that you can make an informed decision that benefits your student and your situation. Please see the following publication regarding questions to ask when seeking to enroll your child in an online school.

- [A Parent's Guide to Choosing the Right Online Program (iNACOL) (PDF)](#)

For more information, please go to: https://www.cde.state.co.us/onlinelearning/faq

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Additional Resources

Early Childhood:

- **National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) - Family Resources Page** This website provides resources, tips, and ideas around child development and early learning domains.

- **Zero to Three - At-Home Activity Guide** This list of activities helps support development through play for infants and toddlers. The activities suggested for the toddlers can easily apply or be adapted for preschoolers.

- **Coping with COVID-19** Online resources to provide information from NAEYC, the CDC, and other educational organizations. There are multiple resources to support children's learning during this time.

- **Screen Time and Preschoolers** The Academy of Pediatrics recommendations for screen time of high-quality programming for children ages 2 to 5.

- **High Scope COR - Resource and Tools for Parents and Teachers** An extensive database of family activities for both Infant-Toddler and Preschool children.

- **ReadyRosie - Healthy at Home: A Toolkit for Supporting Families Impacted by COVID-19** A free toolkit as a resource to support families with information and resources for supporting the children in their care.

- **The National Center for Pyramid Model Innovations (NCPMI) - Teaching Social Emotional Skills** Activities, materials and tools to help children promote self-regulation or problem solving.

- **Colorado Early Learning and Development Guidelines** Resources that are research-based suggestions for how adults can support children's development.

- **National P3 Center - At-Home Teaching and Learning in PreK-3rd Grade** Guidance related to school districts' and elementary schools' supports for at-home learning across the primary grades (PreK-3rd grade).

English Language Learners

- **PK-Elementary Online Resources for English Learners** Resource list divided by grade level and language level.

- **Middle School Online Resources for English Language Learners** Resource list for middle school and language level.

- **High School Online Resources for English Language Learners** Resource list for high school and language level.

- **K-12 Online Resources for English Learners** Resource list of helpful sites to engage English learners from kindergarten to twelfth grade.

- **Common Sense Media** Supports educators in teaching students how to thrive in the digital age with free, research-backed lesson plans in English and Spanish.

- **Twig Education** Students can access thousands of videos in English/Spanish that include lessons, activities, and visuals.

General Resources

- **Khan Academy** Offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that empower learners to study at their own pace in and outside of the classroom.
- **EdX** A trusted platform for education and learning where students come from every country in the world.
- **CK12** A foundation dedicated to personalized learning. The site has resources for multiple content areas.
- **Canvas Network** Lifelong learning and professional development for educators go hand-in-hand with Canvas Network's open, online courses, taught by experts and institutions worldwide.
- **National Geographic Education** Offers a wide assortment of professional learning opportunities for educators engaging with students from pre-K to post-secondary. The programs and resources range from in-the-field projects to digital resources to online networks to grant opportunities and courses.
- **Smithsonian Education** Resources, training, and support to assist caregivers, teachers, and students as they face new learning challenges.
- **PBS Learning Network** PBS and your local station have curated FREE, standards-aligned videos, interactives, lesson plans, and more just for teachers.
- **Rocky Mountain PBS** RMPBS is adding educational programs to the daytime schedule to support learning during school closures.
- **mindSpark Learning** An online toolkit providing PD, tools and community.
- **Wide Open School** A curated list of resources for educators and parents.
- **March 2 Success** Peterson's online tutoring resource in SAT prep, English, Math, pre-engineering/STEM, and a college readiness course accessed through, and paid for by, the US Army.

More specific resources can be found at the link below:

https://www.cde.state.co.us/learningathome/remotelearningresources