

BACK TO SCHOOL



Tips for educators during COVID-19 Distance Learning

Behavior

- Be aware of sensory and learning needs of each student
- Help students engage in activities that foster relationships with peers and teachers
- Give clear guidance regarding appropriate digital learning expectations
- Encourage parents to implement consistent strategies at home during virtual learning times
- Stay positive!

Sensory

- Discuss students' sensory needs with parents
- Encourage parents to provide sensory breaks throughout the day
- Give examples of at home sensory breaks, they can be activities students enjoyed while in the classroom (I Spy, Simon Says, YouTube Brain Breaks videos, etc.)

Executive Functioning

- Utilize collaborative online tools such as online classrooms or Zoom meetings
- Provide as much consistency and predictability as possible
- Choose educational technology that supports organization, time management, planning and prioritizing and task initiation

Technology and Resources

- Check with school or county IT staff for subscriptions the school has already purchased
- There are several free apps and programs available (Microsoft Teams, Class Dojo, Flipgrid, Google Classroom, etc)
- Use interactive technology to maintain and build relationships with students

