

Division for Special Education Services and Supports

SURVIVING SCHOOL CLOSURES DUE TO COVID-19 RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

The following list of websites offer FREE resources in the areas of academics, behavior, and connectedness for families of individuals with autism.

<u>Autism Society COVID-19 Toolkit</u> -The toolkit provides information on Mental Health and Respite, Modifying Routines, Lifestyle Supports, Education, Public Policy, COVID-19 Social Stories, and Healthcare Resources.

<u>Autism Speaks-COVID-19 Information and Resources-</u>Tools and resources include Parent Training and Support Resources, Behavior Resources, Stress and Mental Health, Teaching Stories and Visual Supports, Educational Resources, and other Guidance for Families and Caregivers.

<u>Autism Focused Intervention Resources and Modules</u> —Create a free account to access support strategies designed to meet the unique needs of individuals with autism. Strategies include building new routines, fostering connections from a distance, and prioritizing copying and calming skills.

<u>Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence</u>- The COVID-19 Resource Gallery of Interventions includes interventions such as choice boards, social narratives, and token economies.

<u>Spectrum-Coronavirus Toolkit</u> - Supports for homeschooling, creating a token economy, managing anxiety and self-stimulation, and encouraging communication are provided.

<u>IRIS Center Supports during COVID-19 -</u> -Tips and resources are provided for supporting children academically, socially, and emotionally during school closures.

Georgia Public Broadcasting Resource for Grades P-5- Free digital learning resources are provided to support at-home learning for students by grade (Pre-K through 12) and subject.

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FREE VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS

Virtual field trips are a powerful way to motivate and engage students with autism. They provide an excellent way to generalize the curriculum beyond the classroom. Going on a virtual field trip can be built into the daily schedule or can be used as reinforcement for work completion. Explore these links to take an exciting trip to a farm, museum, zoo, or to MARS!!!

<u>Forbes 15 Best Virtual Tours</u> -The list includes virtual field trips to The Louvre, Disney World, Eiffel Tower, Universal Studios, Sea World, and more!

<u>25+ Amazing Educational Virtual Field Trips</u> - Field trips to Zoo Atlanta, the Seattle Aquarium, the farm, a planetarium, volcanos, national parks, the Great Wall of China, and more are sure to delight!

<u>Good Housekeeping List of 35 International Field Trips</u> - Kids can go from Ellis Island to Mars without leaving the couch! Free worksheets and games by grade level are included.

28 Virtual Field Trips and Activities for Families in Quarantine - Field trips include Space and Exploration, Zoo and Aquarium Cams, Historical Sites and Museums.

National Geographic Virtual Field Trips – Take a Grand Canyon trek, learn about glassblowing, peek into the world of beekeeping, explore the world's largest cave, and many more amazing virtual field trips are just a click away!

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