

# Erie 1 BOCES Contract Consortium Information

## March 2020 - Resources for Students and Teachers

### Answer Pad:

Answer Pad can be used for distance learning. Interactive is our student response system, and students can join sessions via Quick Connect code without registration. Answer Sheets is great for remote assessment or for grading quizzes/homework. Teachers will need to set up a class group and a self-registration for students so that they can access this part of the tool.

Individual teachers can sign up for a free account at our website <http://www.theanswerpad.com>. We have a free version of the tool and all teachers can get a 30-day upgrade when they sign up.

During this time, we are offering extended upgrades to those teachers that find Answer Pad helpful as work remotely with their students. To get an extended premium account, teachers should contact us at [info@theanswerpad.com](mailto:info@theanswerpad.com). We have an extensive library of short tutorials in the Learn library which teachers can access once logged in to the site.

**Castle Learning:** If your district is considering or has closed onsite classes for a virtual format, Castle Learning can help in the delivery process. The ability for teachers to attached their instructional documents, video or URL links with a set of questions could be used to continue the teaching process from home. The instant grading, assessment and time-on-task reports can provide the data needed to support credit.

If your district already licenses Castle Learning, you are already setup for the virtual applications. If your district is not a Castle Learning user, the company is offering free access for the balance of the current 2019-20 school without any future commitment. Castle Learning access can be opened within 48 hours and meets all compliances for the NYS Ed Law 2D guidelines. The Castle Learning Team is ready to assist any of our licensed or non-licensed New York State school districts in implementing the remote options.

If interested or have questions, please contact Castle Learning via email at [sales@castlelearning.com](mailto:sales@castlelearning.com).

## **Classlink:**

This is what ClassLink has now that you can share.

[Coronavirus ClassLink toolkit](#)

<https://zoom.us/docs/ent/school-verification.html?zcid=1231>

## **Dreambox:**

We are offering districts/schools trial access for their K-8 students through the end of June. This will require the districts/school to fill out a form and roster their kids when the trial is activated. Here is a link to the form: <https://go.dreambox.com/CV.html>

Additionally we are extending our at-home access for parents through the end of June. This will be easy for parents to sign their kids up but schools will not have access to usage or progress

reports. [https://www.dreambox.com/at-home?utm\\_source=linkedin&utm\\_medium=og&utm\\_campaign=covid](https://www.dreambox.com/at-home?utm_source=linkedin&utm_medium=og&utm_campaign=covid)

## **Edmentum: Virtual Classroom Options**

**Option 1**--Two free courses per student with access to online LMS

- Training provided to district teachers
- District personnel setup the classes, enroll students, and teach within system
- K-12 Students supported

They have paid for options as well. Please contact for more info.

[James.Russell@edmentum.com](mailto:James.Russell@edmentum.com)

## **eSpark:**

Teachers can sign up for a free account of eSpark to use through the end of this year at <https://www.esparklearning.com/>. eSpark can be used at home and is a great way for students to continue to independently learn math and reading standards at a level that's right for them, even if they're not in the classroom. Once teachers roster students, they can send home this [parent letter](#) along with each child's login information. For any questions, reach out to [support@esparklearning.com](mailto:support@esparklearning.com).

## **Explore Learning:**

For school districts that current have access to our programs through a subscription, please remind them that our resources are 100% online and available any time. For schools and teachers that don't currently have a subscription to our programs, we're offering free trials and free extensions of those trials to any schools or teachers that need it. We launched the following website late on Friday afternoon to support schools during this time. It is for all 3 of our online programs.

[ExploreLearning Gizmos, Reflex and Science4Us Coronavirus response](#)

## **First in Math:**

First in Math is a supplemental, online math program that allows children to practice MATH!. More than 200 self-paced, grade-level math games help stimulate curiosity and foster creativity in ways that help children make sense of the numbers, patterns and shapes they see in the world around them.

Great for individualized instruction—from addition through algebra. K-8 activities are presented in a digital-gaming format that engages students. While the emphasis is on the improvement of numerical fluency & procedural skills, each activity is also designed to strengthen problem-solving, reasoning and communication. The program features an optional Rankings component to provide motivation and sustain high activity levels. As students play, they earn virtual award "stickers" that accrue to their personal and classroom score.

Full range of Data Reports in all skill areas is included to help teachers assess how students are progressing.

Access First In Math by filling out this [form](#).

## **Freckle:**

Freckle has a free product students can access at this time. Here's how teachers can get started:

<https://support.freckle.com/hc/en-us/articles/360015125594-How-do-I-create-a-Freckle-account->

## **GoGuardian:**

Districts can use GoGuardian Teacher free of charge until the end of the school year. They can also get 30 days of GoGuardian Admin free

<https://www.goguardian.com/>

## **Google:**

**How Google is helping in response to COVID-19:**

**Made advanced Meet features available to schools:**

[We recently announced](#) the previously paid-for features of **Hangouts Meet** will now be free for schools to use through July. You can have up to 250 people in a call together, record meetings, and livestream content for up to 100,000 people within the domain.

**Distance Learning resources:**

We have recently created [a distance learning resource hub](#), and kicked off a [series of blog posts](#) as well as a [webinar](#) on distance learning. We are [collecting](#) and sharing tips and best practices through our Teacher Center and social channels including [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

**Providing a guide on how to send school Chromebooks home for distance learning:** As school admins prepare contingency plans, we're sharing

how they can [quickly](#)

[and securely](#) prepare their school's

Chromebooks to go home with students, with our new Help Center article on [how to prepare Chromebooks for e-learning days at home](#).

**YouTube Learning Hub:**

In partnership with education-focused content creators on YouTube we also launched the [Learning Hub](#) which we're in the process of expanding and localizing as a destination for safe, curriculum-relevant learning content.

## Hapara:

<https://hapara.com/from-home> - It will discuss what schools can do with Hāpara, and how to get started. We have condensed our implementation into a simple playbook that will walk through the onboarding process, and how to get teachers coached up.

Also, we have a webinar that will go into great detail about using Hāpara in the event of a closure coming up on March 16 at 1pm ET. Here is the signup link:

<https://hapara.com/resources/teach-and-learn-from-home-webinar>

## Instructure:

1 - Instructure ([Makers of Canvas](#), [MasteryConnect](#), [Portfolium](#) and [Studio](#)) has a site set up for helpful resources for coronavirus planning -

[Tools for Online Learning when the Classroom Closes](#)

2 - Canvas is free for teachers, so if anyone is interested in spinning up a Canvas Classroom to support remote learning, here is a link to do so -

[Try Canvas for Free! No time limit!](#)

3 - Tomorrow at 12 Noon ET, we will be hosting a live feed on Facebook that anyone can join to learn more about using Canvas in the Classroom -

[Canvas LMS Basics to Help you get Started](#)

Description of Facebook Session - Join some of our expert customers and Canvas Advocates as they help the #CanvasFam understand the basics of Canvas LMS (including an overview of the LMS' navigation, publishing a course, using the calendar, and scheduling events). This group of experts will present, demo, and take live questions from those in attendance.

## iReady:

We have developed the site [i-Ready.com/AtHome](https://www.i-ready.com/AtHome) as a main location to receive support. On the website you'll find:

- **Print Resources:** Math and Reading Student Activity Packs and Math Pack Answer Keys are available for each grade level. Teachers can print and send the entire packs or selections from the packs home with students and encourage students to complete a specific number of pages per day. If teachers are unable to print, families can view these packs online if internet is available at home and students can work on scratch paper.
- **Guidance for Educators and Families:** Educators can find tips and tools on how to prepare for and maximize extended at-home use of i-Ready Online lessons. Families can learn how to get their child started and get tips on how to monitor progress and support their child.
- **Guidance for Educators and Families Utilizing our Mathematics Programs:** Educators and families can find activities and lessons for use at home to support both Ready Classroom Mathematics and Ready Mathematics.

In addition, we have also offered to provide access to personalized instruction to any partner currently using our diagnostic assessment. To receive this component, districts should email their Account Manager to receive access to these resources.

We know these are challenging times, and our goal is to find the best way to serve educators across the state as they work to keep the learning happening while students are at home during an extended amount of time. As more resource are developed, we will continue to update [i-Ready.com/AtHome](https://www.i-ready.com/AtHome) over the coming weeks ahead.

## **ISTE:**

<https://www.learningkeepsgoing.org/>

**Learn Around the World:** Link are up on the Event Calendar on the website. They will be recorded as well.

Send parents and students here - [www.geoshow.tv](http://www.geoshow.tv)

(share with anyone, let's all go exploring together!)

No registration is required to get into these Zoom webinars but you must enter a name and email. I will not be keeping any of your students emails, but Zoom requires it. If this is an issue for you, tell them to enter a fake email like test@test.com. I tried it today and it worked :)

**Legends of Learning:** Here's a link you can use which provides general background, sign up instructions, and resources:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BxiytQj63eTqYvrT1ZPN8h503he2yw6nf7naCnu3s58/edit>

### **Lexia: I believe this is for current customers.**

As your partner in learning, we want to try and alleviate some of those challenges. We would like to help you and all of your students by offering free Lexia licenses through the end of June, 2020, for any students not currently using Lexia in your school or district.

We will also provision Lexia Academy to assist with on-line professional learning for all educators who will have additional students using Lexia remotely.

[https://www.lexialearning.com/go/customer\\_e-learning\\_salesoffer\\_request\\_202003](https://www.lexialearning.com/go/customer_e-learning_salesoffer_request_202003)

### **Maker's Empire:**

Makers Empire has created free resources for teachers and parents to help students learn at home:

<https://www.makersempire.com/learning-at-home-coronavirus-covid-19-new-resources-teachers-parents/>

### **MathSpace:**

Mathspace is offering affected schools free pilots of its personalized mathematics learning software for grades 3-12 through the end of the school year. Mathspace provides step-by-step feedback, hints, videos, and virtual manipulatives to support student learning. Mathspace also electronically captures every step of student work, automatically scores it and provides teachers with real-time reporting. Here is the link to offer details <https://mathspace.co/coronavirus>

**Microsoft:** The New York State Microsoft Team has provided the following information in an effort to help school districts leverage Microsoft Teams, which is free for Education.

Microsoft Teams for Education is an online classroom and collaboration platform students and teachers can use to continue their focus on teaching and learning from home. It is accessible on mobile devices, tablets, PCs, or on any browser. To learn more about Microsoft Teams and how to get started, you can join the live webinars starting on March 5<sup>th</sup>. To see all the webinars, click [Microsoft Teams for Distance Learning Webinar Series](#). For IT guidance on how to deploy Office 365 and get your entire school started on Teams, check out [How to Deploy Teams](#). Once [Teams is enabled](#), students and faculty can start using it by entering their school email address at [teams.microsoft.com](https://teams.microsoft.com) or via the mobile or desktop Teams applications.

**Music First:** There are a couple of important points to note about the demos we are offering under these circumstances:

- All sites including the FREE COVID-2019 offer will have ALL Software tools and content that will cover everything from General Music, Ensembles and Music Theory. This is good.

If your school gets shut down (or is shut down) due to COVID-2019. We can then offer a **free demo that would now include your students**. However, the work done by teachers and students will be erased when school gets back into session. They can email [jason@musicfirst.com](mailto:jason@musicfirst.com) and I would just need Teachers **name, email, class name** and **number of students** that would need to be included.

*for example*

*Alison Menard*

*1. High School Band: 37*

*2. Jazz Band: 17*

*3. 7/8 Band: 36*

*4. 6th Grade Band: 41*

Alternatively they can sign up here:

<https://mailchi.mp/musicfirst/school-closure-free-subscription>

1. **Teachers should Plan to attend one of our upcoming training webinars**

1. Monday, 3/16 - 10am ET - link: <https://musicfirst.zoom.us/j/619501242>
2. Tuesday, 3/17 - 2pm ET - link: <https://musicfirst.zoom.us/j/565685028>
3. Wednesday, 3/18 - 12noon ET - link: <https://musicfirst.zoom.us/j/413899067>
4. Thursday, 3/19 - 8am ET - link: <https://musicfirst.zoom.us/j/191997211>
5. Friday, 3/20 - 4pm ET - link: <https://musicfirst.zoom.us/j/672797195>

## Naviance:

We also anticipate that **you may need help to quickly develop content and curriculum** that is easy-to-use, impactful, and meaningful to your students. To assist in this, **Naviance is providing open access to our College, Career and Life Readiness Curriculum** for all Naviance clients from now through June 30, 2020. To activate this in your Naviance subscription, please email [curriculum@naviance.com](mailto:curriculum@naviance.com).

- **Naviance Curriculum Lessons** offer 105 online, self-paced learning experiences related to college, career, and life readiness for students in grades 6 - 12. Lessons focus on six core themes:
  - **Self-discovery** lessons help students understand their strengths and interests and connect them with their future goals.
  - **Success skills** lessons are designed to equip students with the interpersonal skills they need to be successful in school and the workplace.
  - **Support network** lessons allow students to understand and identify the people who are available to help them succeed.
  - **Career planning** activities help students explore the careers that align with their strengths and interests.
  - **College planning** lessons provide context behind college fit and match and walk students through the college planning process.
  - **Financial planning** activities help students understand concepts related to budgeting, income, paying for college, and financial aid.
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- **\*\*NEW\*\* Show Me How** is a self-service instructional tour designed to help students quickly understand the College Planning features in Naviance Student and reduce the support required

from school and district staff. Staff can use Demo Naviance Student to use the Show Me How feature.

- [Naviance Resource Guide](#) highlights the grade-level activities for your student to complete online, keeping them engaged in college and career planning activities even if they are not physically in the classroom.
- [Live Webinar Series](#) allow you to learn from a Naviance expert about how to complete critical tasks with your students during the final months of the school year.
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## Nearpod:

### [Dealing with School or District Closure:](#)

- Nearpod is extending impacted schools and districts temporary free access to Nearpod.
- If you are an existing Nearpod school / District license administrator and need additional services, please reach out to [support@nearpod.com](mailto:support@nearpod.com)

### [Sign up for the Weekly Live Webinar Series:](#)

- Learn how educators are preparing for and handling school closures
- Discover how Nearpod can be used for virtual learning

### [Explore a lesson on Coronavirus:](#)

- Teach a complimentary lesson for all educators to keep students, staff, and parents informed.

### [Explore lessons on Global Health:](#)

- Built in partnership with the Council on Foreign Relations, teach lessons where students examine issues related to Global Health over the last century.

## Newsela: For free access to Newsela products for

### Teachers and Administrators:

- Visit our [coronavirus resource center](#)
  - o Teachers will get immediate access to [Newsela ELA](#), [Newsela Science](#), [Newsela Social Studies](#), and [The Newsela Social-Emotional Learning](#)

[Collection](#) in their Newsela account. If they don't have a Newsela account, they'll be able to set one up in minutes.

o Administrators can request access and will be contacted within 24 hours for more details.

**We've also added timely resources that can be accessed via our [coronavirus resource center](#):**

- **Free professional learning for remote instruction:** We've assembled a Remote Teaching Toolkit to make sure teachers are fully prepared to use Newsela to support core instruction remotely.
- **COVID-19 educational content:** We'll continue publishing content that educators across subjects and grades can use to teach about COVID-19 in a way that's accurate, responsible and empowering to students.

## **Reading Plus:**

Reading Plus is the only adaptive literacy program for grades 3-12 that assesses and scaffolds comprehension based silent reading rate, vocabulary and motivation. Students choose from 8 high interest genres filled with selections at their guided reading rate, answer comprehension questions and acquire common, necessary academic vocabulary with patented scaffolds and support provided as needed. A visual skills component may be assigned to further support disfluent behaviors and an optional writing component further bridges learning. The data portal for administrators and teachers provides real time data on usage and progress, informing further support and instruction. Teaching resources are provided at point of use and need (see Skills Coach link and attached guide). With a highly diverse, cultural content library serving up informational and literary selections, ranging from grade one to college level, our gold standard plethora of research, proves 2.5 grade level gains and more over the course of a school year. Reading Plus is a hidden literacy support gem, guaranteed to radiate student self efficacy and reading proficiency!

[Remote Learning Tips with Request for Information](#)

[Skills Coach link](#)

The Skills Coach link and user guide attachment provide complementary, agostic teaching resources for comprehension skills. In regards to Reading Plus usage, we are providing this complimentary during this challenging time, but educators need to click the link that provides more information with request for information/contact at the bottom.

## Relay - Lightspeed:

We are offering Relay Filter and Relay Classroom free through the end of the school year. Relay Filter will protect students with filtering and reporting on devices that schools are sending home.

Relay Classroom can help teachers with remote classroom management - monitoring screens, sharing links, recording activity, and more.

Here's the info and sign up:

<https://www.lightspeedsystems.com/coronavirus-school-closures-relay-can-help/>

There are no obligations or fees with taking advantage of this offer.

## ST Math: [Here](#) -

<https://www.stmath.com/home-access?hsCtaTracking=604da95b-cb89-4fc9-8632-8744e9556b9d%7C069f936e-5098-48c6-9bee-01518263ad07> is the landing page for schools and districts to go to if they would like to use ST Math for no cost during their school/district closure. A representative from the school/district wishing to provide access to ST math to their students and teachers during their school closure simply needs to complete the form and a representative from MIND will contact them within 24 hours to discuss start-up.

**Thimble:** We are offering free 30-60 day licences to our STEM and makerspace learning portal. We'll also grant discounts on project-based kits if needed. [Here is a form](#) that you can share with your network.

## **VidCode:** computer science curriculum and a coding platform, best for 4th through 12th grades:

Vidcode is offering our full curriculum and platform for free until the end of May to support schools during health-related closures.

More info:

<https://about.vidcode.com/lovelyvidcode/2020/3/9/in-support-of-schools-facing-health-related-closure>

Apply for licenses:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScYMQAvHD36AkzEKO0omdJ5G3pjJDBhaTUWHUBHcPwKsPgXQg/viewform>

## **Wixie:**

1. For Current District or School Wixie Subscribers: They can request additional subscriptions to support eLearning through the end of the school year. Cost: Free

Contact: [dmacdevette@tech4learning.com](mailto:dmacdevette@tech4learning.com) or 800 661-5216

2. New Wixie Subscribers: Teachers can establish a free 90 day personal or classroom subscription.

Cost: Free <https://static.wixie.com/evaluation>

Wixie Curriculum Resources:

[Wixie introductory video](#)

<https://web.tech4learning.com/using-wixie-throughout-the-curriculum>

<https://web.tech4learning.com/using-wixie-throughout-the-school-year>

## **Zoom free:**

<https://zoom.us/docs/ent/school-verification.html?zcid=1231>