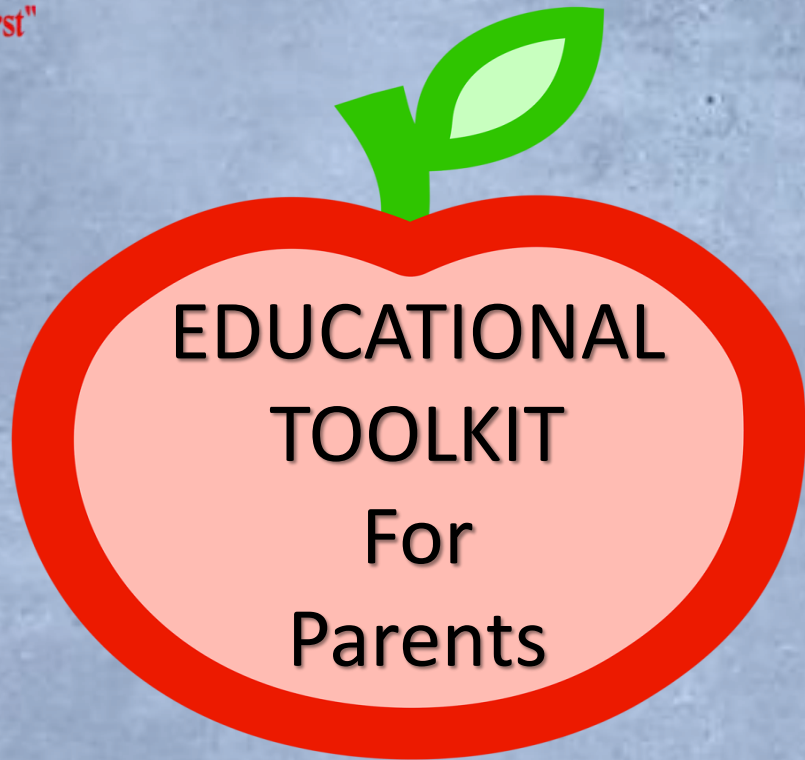




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As parents, you play an integral role in shaping the academic and social development of your child. This toolkit provides a wealth of resources to help your child thrive while learning at home. These resources promote success in school, work, and life, and they provide user-friendly activities, lessons, and guidance documents you can use to support your child's learning at home.



RESOURCES PROVIDED BY THE US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Parent Power: Build the Bridge to Success. This booklet is available in English and Spanish and provides advice to parents on how they can help their children attain success in preschool, elementary school, middle school, and high school. A free copy can be downloaded at

<https://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/parentpower/booklet.pdf>.

My Future My Way: First Step Toward College. This workbook provides information for middle and junior high school students about how to prepare for college and how to pay for education beyond high school. A free copy can be downloaded at

<https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/my-future-my-way.pdf>.

Countdown to School Success. This month-by-month guide is filled with advice, tools, and online resources you may need to help your children have a school year that is packed with fun and learning. Free copies are available online:

<https://www.ed.gov/parents/countdown-success>.

Back to School Checklist. Resources for teachers, parents, and students that can be used for success. Free copies are available online: <https://www.ed.gov/backtoschool>.

Stop Bullying.gov: <http://www.stopbullying.gov> This website helps to identify, understand, and discuss bullying.

Environmental Education: Educating youth to protect the environment.

<http://www.epa.gov/education/>

Find Youth Info.gov: <https://youth.gov/> Great content on education, COVID-19 for kids, and afterschool programs.

Federal Student Aid (FSA): <https://studentaid.gov/resources/prepare-for-college/parents> FSA gives parents the information they need to save for college, learn about financial aid, and help their child complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). FSA also provides in depth resources on [college and financial aid](#) in both English and Spanish.

Federal Resources for Educational Excellence (FREE):

<https://www2.ed.gov/free/index.html> FREE provides digital teaching and learning resources created and maintained by the federal government and public and private organizations.

RESOURCES PROVIDED BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

COVID-19 ("Coronavirus") Information and Resources for Schools and School

Personnel: <https://tinyurl.com/wlhrac7> Critical information about COVID-19 and its potential transmission to students, families, school staff, and community.

Florida School Board Association (FSBA): FSBA offers a resource list on a variety of topics from legal advice to federal and national resources available. Click the header above for full resources list. Click [HERE](#) for a list of at home learning resources.

Book Finder from Reading Rockets: <https://www.readingrockets.org/bookfinder> Helps families find books appropriate for the age of their child.

Florida Office of Early Learning (OEL):

<http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/parents/parent-resources> Florida Office of Early Learning (OEL) provides additional family engagement activities and materials for families to utilize outside of the classroom.

EduCare: <https://fglrc.gomoeducare.com/> EduCare support parents of children between 0-3, by providing complimentary text messaging advice specifically timed to your child's age, with resources on wellness, early child growth, literacy/education and specific milestones.

Helping Struggling Readers: <https://www.readingrockets.org/helping> Ideas for families who have readers that need additional support.

Home Literacy Environment Checklist: <https://www.readingrockets.org/article/home-literacy-environment-checklist> Ways to make your home literacy friendly for children.

A.V.E. for Success K-12 Digital Resources: <https://tinyurl.com/yamgteke>

Kuder: <https://www.kuder.com/success-at-home/> Resources that provide further support during these challenging times with free access to career advisors for youth, professional development for teachers, and lesson plans that can be used at home.

Camp Immokalee: <https://camp.fcymca.org/> YMCA Camp Immokalee is offering free live stream camp activities via their Instagram and Facebook page for children years 4-15 years old, including yoga, nature crafts, arts & crafts activities and much more.

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH): HMH is offering schools and families a comprehensive collection of high-quality resources to help keep students engaged and learning safely. Get flexible program access, free lessons and activities, and more (K-12). [Click Here for Daily Resources.](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR STUDENT SUCCESS AT HOME

Parent Toolkit: <http://www.parenttoolkit.com/> Parent Toolkit is produced by NBC News Education Nation and includes information about almost every aspect of your child's development, from early education to college and careers.

National Education Association (NEA): <http://parents.nea.org/> NEA offers tips on keeping kids curious, providing emotional support, partnering with teachers, and understanding education policy.

Big Future: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/for-parents> The College Board's Big Future is a free, comprehensive resource that helps both students and parents to make college planning easier. They provide parent action plans from middle school through each year of high school and information on financial aid.

CollegeWeekLive (CWL): <https://www.collegeweeklive.com/> CWL hosts free virtual college fairs and information sessions to help you and your child learn more about different colleges and receive expert advice on admissions and paying for college.

Career Village: <https://www.careervillage.org/> Career Village gives students access to career information and advice from professionals across the country. Parents can direct their children here to help them become more career-ready.

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy Educational Toolkit for At-Home Learning: <https://www.barbarabush.org/toolkit-for-at-home-learning/> A toolkit of trusted, high-quality online resources to help children continue to build critical literacy skills while at home.

Teaching Tolerance:

http://www.tolerance.org/sites/default/files/general/beyond_golden_rule.pdf

A parent's guide to preventing and responding to prejudice.

Toolkit for Hispanic Families: Resources to Help Students Succeed in School/Guía de recursos para las familias hispanas:Herramientas que ayudan a los estudiantes a triunfar en la escuela:

<https://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/involve/2006toolkit/index.html> Toolkit for helping parents with students/Esta guía de recursos fue elaborada con el asesoramiento de más de 1,800 padres hispanos en diferentes Parent Information and Resource Centers (Centros de Información y Recursos para los Padres) en todo el país.

Kids Health: <https://kidshealth.org/> Resources and guidance on children's health, behavior and growth.