



## Education Resources

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1. **Guidelines to School Districts.** On March 16<sup>th</sup>, Governor Lujan Grisham announced that schools would close shift to a learn-at-home model for the rest of the academic year. Each School District and public charter school was instructed to develop a [Continuous Learning Plan](#) that meets the needs of their community.
2. **Food Pick-Up Sites for Students.** In response to the Governor's directive, school districts throughout the state developed plans to distribute breakfasts and lunches to students. These meals are distributed on a "grab and go" basis at food sites in every school district. However, specific dates, times, sites, and other details differ for each school district. The [NM Out-of-School-Time Network](#) is keeping an updated list of [pick-up sites, day, times and details](#). Some school districts are opting to deliver food to students along established bus routes. The page also has links to Roadrunner Food Bank [special distribution sites](#) and to Presbyterian [Free Healthy Meals for Kids](#)
3. **Out-of-School Time Programs.** Many out-of-school time programs have been forced to cancel programming for the duration of the emergency closures. Some are applying to serve as emergency childcare centers, providing childcare for children of essential workers. More information and application forms are [here](#). Other out-of-school time programs are working with their school districts to add pick-up food sites for families. [Moving Arts Española](#) is partnering with the Española Public Schools to be a curbside pick-up site for breakfast and lunch. In addition, Moving Arts is serving hot vegetarian suppers.

**How can you help?** Out-of-school time programs across the state can use your help, with food distributions, and with remote mentoring and tutoring. To find an out-of-school time program near you enter your location in [this search](#). If you are an educator with time on your hands and would like to coordinate with similar educators who want to help, please contact [Wendy@nmfirst.org](mailto:Wendy@nmfirst.org).

4. **Internet Access.** Internet access will be an issue for many families in New Mexico. Staff and students may lack the resources to connect remotely. So far over 400 internet providers have signed the FCC's "[Keep Americans Connected Pledge](#)" to not terminate service to any customers because of their inability to pay their bills and to waive late fees that customers incur because of their economic circumstances related to the coronavirus pandemic. These companies also have agreed to open their Wi-Fi hotspots to any American who needs them. Information about several of these options is available [here](#).

## 5. Learning Resources for School and Home

- The [New Mexico Agriculture in the Classroom](#) (NMAIC) is helping teachers work with families to take stock of the materials students have at home. One teacher had planned for her students to grow something from seed. NMAIC worked with her to make that part of the lesson. Teachers and families together could organize a seed hunt to find seeds already in the house, such as beans or seeds from apples. Or parents could go outside with the children and ask, “Where do we find seeds? Where do seeds come from?” [Read more](#) from NM First’s interview with Traci.
- Home Learning Activities. Numerous sites have learning activities that can be done at home, with or without access to internet. The New Mexican Out-of-School-Time Network (NMOST) has a [list of lists](#) for education activities at home.