



Learning During COVID-19

Terminology Guide

Term	Explanation	Also Called
Remote Learning	Instruction is delivered at home, or in an alternate location, through synchronous, asynchronous, and instructorless learning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Instruction • Online Learning • Distance Learning
Intermittent Remote Learning	Similar to remote learning, however, might occur in the case where a student is sent to quarantine at home, short school closures, etc.	
Synchronous Remote Learning	Real-time instruction delivered online. Synchronous remote learning opportunities allow students to benefit from the expertise of an educator, ensure FAPE, and meet IEP goals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synchronous Instruction
Asynchronous Remote Learning	Non real-time instruction delivered online. Might include pre-recorded video, self-guided module completion, discussion boards, home packets, printable or dynamic independent work, at-home activities, extension activities, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asynchronous Instruction • Instructorless Learning
In-Person Learning	Face-to face instruction in the classroom setting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Class Learning • Face-to-Face Instruction
Blended Learning	Combines in-person instruction and asynchronous remote learning. Remote portion of blended learning is intended to supplement in-person instruction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blended learning and hybrid learning are often used interchangeably, but they are different types of instruction
Hybrid Learning	Combines in-person instruction and remote learning (synchronous and asynchronous), conducted simultaneously. Remote instruction is intended to replace some portions of in-person learning.	
Online Academy	Full-time remote learning (synchronous and asynchronous). No in-person learning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote Learning • Distance Learning • Online Instruction • Online Learning
Social Distancing	Maintaining distance between individuals. The CDC recommended practice of maintaining a minimum of 6 feet or more distance between individuals in an effort to reduce viral spread.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Distancing
Caregiver(s)	Includes parents, family members, guardians, and other caregivers. Used in lieu of parent / guardian as a more inclusive term that acknowledges the diversity and variability of families.	