

Education Pods & Preparing for Back to School Resources

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Resources for Parents

Here are some ideas to help plan & organize education pods:

- Download the Next Door app and see if there's any Parenting or Child Care Co-ops in your area. This may be a great resource to brainstorm with other neighbors or friends in the area who find themselves needing an education pod.
- Connect with your colleagues to brainstorm education pod arrangements.
- Reach out to your child's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) for support and resources
- Look at website such as Care.com and Sittercity.com, who have caregivers as well as tutors available in many communities across the country who can offer assistance.
- Contact local churches & places of worship
- Connect with groups such as www.meetup.com
- Look on local Facebook parenting forums including created specifically to coordinate pods: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/pandemicpodsf/>
- Search for local online community message boards

Education Pod Options – Nationwide Resources

Varsity Tutors

Varsity Tutors is nationally based and offers online learning pods for children K-12. You can sign up on their [website](#).

Learning Pods Hub

Learning Pods Hub, a California-based pod-match service, offers learning pods for children K-12. You can hire a pod teacher, become a pod teacher, or be matched with an existing pod in your desired area. You can sign up on their [website](#).

Learning Pods

Learning Pods operates nationally and offers learning pods for children K-12. You can hire a pod teacher to create your own pod, become a pod teacher, or be matched with an existing pod in your desired area. They also offer financial assistance to those who are eligible. You can sign up on their [website](#).

Preparing for Back to School

Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

The CDC provides information and checklists for schools, teachers, and parents on planning and preparing for back to school. For more information on considerations for schools, please visit the website [here](#).

- For parents and teachers looking for more information on how to get your school and children ready, visit the CDC website [here](#)

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

The AAP provides a parenting website aimed at the physical, mental, social health, and wellbeing for all infants, children, adolescents, and young adults. The AAP offers comprehensive list of COVID-19 articles. For more information, please visit the website [here](#).

- For more information on returning to school during COVID-19, visit the AAP website [here](#).

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UNICEF

The UNICEF website provides COVID-19 updates and resources, along with information to help keep your family safe. For more information, please visit their website [here](#).

- For helpful information on schools reopening during COVID-19, please visit the UNICEF website [here](#)

PBS - How to talk to your kids

PBS offers free online resources for parents and children, along with information on how to support your child for a very different school year. For more information, please visit their website [here](#)

National Association of School Psychologists (NASP)

The NASP offers guidance and suggestions for schools, educators, families & caregivers, and school communities regarding the COVID-19 outbreak. For more information, please visit their website [here](#).

- To learn more about how to help children cope with changes resulting from COVID-19, please visit the NASP website [here](#).

The Center for Health and Health Care in Schools

The Center for Health and Health Care in Schools has compiled an extensive list of resources and guidelines from various government and nongovernmental organizations with information for parents, caregivers, educators, and school leaders on supporting students' needs during COVID-19. For more information, please visit their website [here](#).

Tutoring

College Nannies, Sitters & Tutors

College Nannies, Sitters and Tutors offers virtual and in-person tutoring at multiple locations throughout the United States. You may visit their website [here](#) for more information and to find a tutor in your area.

Huntington Learning Center

Huntington Learning Center offers nationwide tutoring and test prep services. Services are now offering in-person and online. You may visit their website [here](#) for more information and to find a tutor in your area.

Sylvan Learning

Sylvan Learning offers K-12 personalized tutoring, academic coaching, test prep, advancement, and STEM education. Online and in-person options available throughout the United States. You may visit their website [here](#) for more information and to find a tutor in your area. You may also speak with a representative by calling their toll-free number line 888-338-2283.

WyZant

WyZant, a national tutoring company, provides virtual and in-person tutoring at multiple locations throughout the United States. You may visit their website [here](#) for more information and to find a tutor in your area.

Care.com

Care.com connects its users to not only caregivers but to tutors as well. Basic membership is free and allows users to view and post jobs, receive newsletters with tips or advice, and access content on care-related topics. If a user would like detailed information on

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caregivers such as background check information and references, users must upgrade to a premium registration. Please note that pricing information is subject to change. For more information, visit their website [here](#).

Sittercity.com

Sitter City provides linkages to local care as well as tutors across the United States. Fees may vary based on your location. The annual program costs approximately \$90 per year. The monthly program costs approximately \$35 per month. A free 7-day trial membership may be available. All pricing and promotions are subject to change.

Please note, to support those impacted by COVID-19, Sittercity is reducing its monthly membership fee for new members by 50% at this time. For more information, visit their website [here](#).

Students with Special Needs

Educating All Learners Alliance (EALA)

EALA connects students with special needs & their parents to a wealth of resources related to learning remotely with special needs. Their website features an extensive resource library as well as a technology and tool library. You can request assistance on their [website](#).

Digital Promise

Digital Promise focuses on innovation in special education. Their website connects students with special needs & their parents to a wealth of resources related to learning remotely with special needs. Their website features a large learning database with tools, technologies, and literature. You can filter by disability/diagnosis, age, grade, You can request assistance on their [website](#).

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EduTopia

EduTopia is run by educators at all levels and provides extensive articles on special needs in education. This [link](#) will connect you to an article regarding new virtual/remote strategies in special education.

Supportive Article Links for Parents of Online Learners

<https://www.kidsacademy.mobi/storytime/parents-guide-to-online-learning/>

<https://www.ncl.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/A-Parents-Guide-to-Virtual-Learning-4-Actions-To-Improve-your-Childs-Experience-with-Online-Learning.pdf>

<https://www.teachthought.com/technology/remote-learning-tips-for-parents/>

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