Distance Learning Hot Topics Series

Leveraging Family

Engagement to

Foster Student

Success in Distance &

Blended Learning





Hot Topics Series Resource Handout

Session 5

Prioritizing Core Instructional Values in Distance Learning & Family Engagement





Prioritizing Core Instruction in Distance Learning



Big Ideas for Distance Learning

- Ensuring all students continue to make academic progress is a priority in distance learning. This is a monumental undertaking that requires teachers and families to work together in priority areas to support learning goals.
- In distance learning, it is clear that we cannot teach everything in the same manner it was taught in the classroom. Determining priorities in distance learning helps both students and parents to focus their distance learning efforts.
- Mitigating the potential learning loss during school closures requires teachers and parents to work together to strategically identify opportunities to leverage the most impactful areas of instruction to ensure student learning continues.



Family Engagement Strategies

- 1. Support student's reading skills by encouraging families to find opportunities to pair their child's interests with their reading tasks
- 2. Support student's writing skills by giving parents resources and models to support the writing process
- 3. Support student's math skills by sharing strategies to explore math in the real world.



Develop Opportunities to Extend the Priorities of Distance Learning:

- Help your child to identify practice activities they enjoy
- Identify books and resources that connect to your child's interests
- Identify a time and space for practice that is free from distractions and competing activities
- Engage in extended learning opportunities together as a family
- Identify goals and rewards to motivate participation in practice activities
- Talk openly to older children about the impact of engaging in extended practice opportunities



What do you already KNOW about this topic?	
What do you still WONDER about this topic?	
What new information or strategies did you LEARN?	
What will you DO to apply what you have learned?	



California Common Core English Language Arts

California Common Core Math

CCEE Distance Learning Consortium Resources

CCEE Distance Learning Consortium / SBCSS Professional Development

Canvas Courses

Distance Learning Playbook for Parents

Footsteps2Brilliance / SBCSS Early Literacy Platform

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San Bernardino County Interactive Cradle to Career Roadmap

San Bernardino County Vision2Read Initiative