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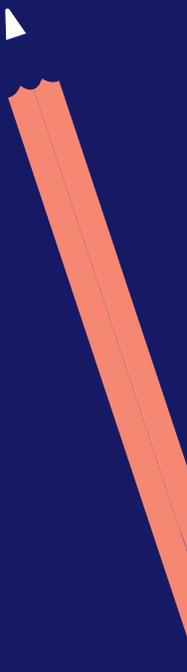
In March of this year, everything changed. We watched in awe as you transitioned teaching from your classroom to your living room, almost overnight. PBS stations around the country also sprung into action, scouring all available resources to support your instruction: some stations changed their programming schedules to adopt “learning blocks,” others provided daily activities and support, while others offered instruction over the air.

Since that first week in mid-March, we have continued our conversations with teachers and have been thinking deeply about what we can do to support your teaching practice. From those conversations, these planning kits were born. They connect closely with the support we’re offering to parents and families, making the most of PBS LearningMedia (all free!), and reflecting the hard fact that not all of your students have internet access.

We know each teacher has their own unique circumstances and needs. We hope these planning kits will help you navigate this year’s new school routines. Like you, we are figuring out the “new normal” in real time. We are actively seeking feedback about how we can improve this resource or any of our available resources. We want to hear from you. Please do not hesitate to tell us what you think: what works, and what you would change—we’re learning together.

Good luck this year. We know many of you are several weeks in already. Above all, please be safe. Grab moments for self care whenever you can. We are with you.

Love from your friends at PBS



Teacher Planning Kits for New School Routines

Planning Checklist

We will be distributing five kits (including this one) throughout the school year, approximately once every eight weeks. **Here are a few basic things to help make the most out of this resource.**

Check your email

As a PBS LearningMedia registered user, you will receive an email with the latest planning kit approximately every eight weeks. To make sure you're registered, sign up [here](#).

Mark your calendar

Each planning kit is supported by a webinar where peers from around the country will share how they're using the latest kit to plan instruction. Join us! Webinars will be held at 7pm ET, on the following dates:

- September 17, 2020
- November 12, 2020
- January 14, 2021
- March 11, 2021
- May 6, 2021

Watch, Teach, Explore

The kits are intended to help you plan your lessons up to eight weeks ahead of time, based on themes and content relevant to what you're teaching in your classroom. To increase accessibility, many of these resources are connected to broadcast content for students without internet access, and some of the content is available in Spanish. **NOTE: Some of the broadcast content airs outside of school hours. To use this content, we recommend you share the details about how to view it after school hours with students and their parents.**

Where possible, we have also included media that can be viewed online anytime, whether you're teaching in person or virtually.

Our planning sheets are divided into three sections: Watch, Teach, Explore. The "Watch" category includes broadcast and/or online media. The "Teach" category connects activities, games and lessons directly to the featured media. Finally, the "Explore" section should lead you to additional resources that can help you plan a more comprehensive lesson on that particular topic or theme.

Sign in to PBS LearningMedia and visit regularly

The kits, along with links to much of the content, can be found in the [PBS LearningMedia](#) collection called [Resources for New School Routines](#). Also, the more you become familiar with PBS LearningMedia, the more resources and tools you'll find and use.

Check in with your local PBS station

PBS Stations around the country offer endless resources for educators and parents. This [google doc](#) highlights these resources including several upcoming webinars for teachers of all grades and subjects.

[WOUB Learn At Home Resources](#)

Share with parents

The Planning Kits connect directly with [dozens of resources for parents](#), including our weekly ["Learn Along" Bingo](#) packets for PreK-K and Grades 1-2 which are available in English and in Spanish. We encourage you to share these resources and the Bingo with the parents and families of your students.

Find more PBS and PBS KIDS resources

PBS KIDS and PBS are thrilled to be able to provide thousands of free resources to support new school routines, and at home learning.

- [PBS KIDS website](#): Thousands of videos, games and activities for kids featuring their favorite shows and characters.
- [PBS KIDS for Parents](#): Tips, fun activities and resources for parents and families.
- [PBS Teachers' Lounge](#): Blog site designed to inspire your teaching.
- [PBS Learning Media](#): Thousands of free, standards aligned lessons and teaching tools.

Watch the webinar

If you missed the welcome webinar, please find it [here](#). It is full of helpful hints and fun ideas about how to use the featured content.

Tell us what you think

We are learning and building WITH you. We would love to hear your [feedback](#) about these kits, or any of the other available resources. Please feel free to email us with questions and comments: what's working for you, and what can be improved.



What's in the Planning Kit?

You can count on these four sections to be included in all five of the planning kits distributed throughout the year.

Special Lessons and Collections

Each kit includes featured lessons or collections designed to provide additional support around timely topics you're likely covering in your classes. For example, in this kit, you'll find a feature section dedicated to teaching elections and civic participation. This is the first section of the kit.

Planning Sheet: PreK-5

This is a plan-ahead guide for PreK-5 educators. It includes the weekly "Learn Along" Bingo packet for PreK-K and Grades 1-2, and connects to a variety of resources developed for teachers and parents of children PreK-5. The broadcast content connects to the PBS KIDS 24/7 channel, available on most cable and streaming services like Apple TV, Roku, and Amazon Fire. You can also stream directly from the [PBS KIDS Video app](#). You can find the entire [PBS KIDS 24/7 broadcast schedule](#) here if you're interested in planning lessons around PBS KIDS shows.

You can also find them "over the air" on WOUB 20.6 & 44.6

Planning Sheet: 6-12

This is the special plan-ahead guide for 6-12 educators. The broadcast content connects to the WORLD channel At-Home Learning block, which offers five hours of programming for students, grades 6-12, every weekday. [WOUB's World Channel Schedule with resource links](#).

Relevant Professional Learning

Each kit will include links to existing or upcoming professional learning opportunities that are related to the featured content. These may be short tutorials, webinars or webinar series, self-paced courses or blog posts. In this first kit, all the highlighted professional learning relates to how to use PBS LearningMedia, or ideas and tips for remote teaching.