

Professional Learning



In this kit, we have highlighted a handful of professional learning resources to help enhance your learning on topics included in this kit, like how to use media in a distance-learning classroom, professional learning webinars and how to unwind after lesson-planning! We have used the to denote resources where certificates are available.

BEST FOR	TYPE	TOPIC	DESCRIPTION
ALL	Blog	At-Home Learning Tips From an Educator Mom	We are all trekking through new territory, trying to balance this new normal of working, educating, and parenting... all simultaneously. From a seasoned educator, who is also “teacher mom,” there are three things that are sure to make your learning time go FAR.
ALL	Blog	5 Virtual Ways to Build a Classroom Community	We’ve laughed, cried, danced, sang, played, painted, hopped, skipped, jumped and oh, so much more. And when someone lost a tooth, we all searched around the classroom looking in every crayon, toy and block bin because we, as a class, knew how special that was to a five year old. So what do you do? Do you send off your students with a two week packet and hope for the best? Or when your families or administrators ask that you provide continuity of learning to your kids virtually, you step up to the plate.
ALL	Blog	Top 5 Distance Learning Questions Answered	As I watched the Distance Learning with PBS LearningMedia webinar, I was so excited to see all of the questions asked by our PBS Teachers from around the country. Still, what was foremost in my mind was the silent teacher, the one I often was, listening attentively and trying to learn something new, trying to earn my skinned knee. Riding a bike took time, but distance learning became an overnight reality, a life-altering event. So let’s look at this reality as a unique type of differentiated instruction.
ALL	Blog	Finding Ways to Reflect and Recharge During Difficult Times	Anytime we experience change, it disrupts our worlds. I chose to make some big life changes in 2018, but COVID-19 has forced change upon everyone, and the hardest part is that no one chose it and there is no foreseeable end date. This leaves us all with a few choices. How do I choose to respond to the things that I can’t control? How do I choose to show up for others? How do I ground myself in the present moment so I can be present for others?

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ALL	Blog	Distance Learning with PBS LearningMedia	This one-hour virtual learning event, hosted by PBS master trainers and educators, highlights a variety of tips, from student activities to digital tools and PBS LearningMedia hacks.
PreK-2	Professional Learning Video	Developing Cultural Awareness	We invite you to a live discussion with illustrator, animator, writer, director and producer, Joe Murray, who created the new PBSKids hit, Let's Go Luna. You'll recognize Joe's previous work as creator of Rocko's Modern Life and Camp Lazlo. Together with on-staff anthropologist Erik Messal and cultural advisors from more than a dozen countries, Joe has developed a fun, sweet, irreverent way for even our littlest learners to travel the world and develop global awareness.
PreK-3	Professional Learning Video	Using Media to Lift the Littlest Voices	Have you ever noticed that our Littles have A LOT to say? Whether they've mastered language or not, they are brimming with ideas, imagination, and creativity. This episode focuses on how you can help nurture those strengths and encourage learners to create their own content. Together, we'll look into the important role media creation plays in each episode and explore how educators are using the show to engage their little learners in the content creation process.
PreK-3	Self-Paced Course	Supporting Play with Media and Technology	This course, designed specifically for early childhood educators, introduces ways in which teachers and caregivers can use media and technology to support playful learning experiences with young children while learning about science. Explore your beliefs and understandings about technology and interactive media use.
PreK-3	Blog	Strategies to Deconstruct Media and Encourage Media Literacy	Media. It's all around us -- online, print, cars, signs -- everywhere. It is important now more than ever that young learners have the opportunity to use digital learning and understand how to use and decode media appropriately.

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6-12	Professional Learning Video	<u>Inspiring Young Scientists Through STEAM Education</u>	Our world changes every day, and with that, so does our teaching practice: there is always more to learn as a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) educator. In this three-part series, we'll look at ways to inspire our young scientists and make concepts such as data and computational thinking engaging!
6-12	Professional Learning Video	<u>Cultivating Inclusive Spaces for Empathy Inquiry</u>	We'll discuss how to cultivate inclusive spaces within your classroom so students can build a foundation for learning and inquiry that allows them to empathize with, and better understand different perspectives. PBS Digital Innovator All Stars Shelly Stanton and Paige Somoza will highlight exciting resources and models that you can immediately implement in your middle/high school classrooms.
9-12	Blog	<u>Strategies to Build Engaging Digital Lessons for High School Students</u>	When I wrote this, it was nearly the end of March. For the last two weeks, I, like most of you, have been at home consuming news and feeling a daily mix of trepidation and astonishment. As a teacher, I have been physically (and mostly digitally) apart from my students, wondering how they are and wishing I could help them.