



EAST LONGMEADOW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Achievement & Accountability

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Dear ELPS Families,

While our first concern is the health and well-being of our children, families, and community, East Longmeadow Public Schools has been working to ensure that your child has access to tools and curriculum that will allow your children to progress in their learning of skills as well as to keep them academically engaged. While we cannot replicate the unique classroom experience of learning with peers facilitated by our talented teachers, we are fortunate to have many resources to ensure that your child has continuous learning opportunities. We also recognize that teachers play a very important role in your child's life and therefore will remain connected to students and families through a variety of online tools.

We recognize that many of you are juggling family and work and that children will have varying levels of support. Because of that, and with the guidance of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, we are providing access to self-directed personalized learning tools that are designed to meet students at their level and progress accordingly. Your children have used these tools in school and are familiar with them. Our teachers and coaches will monitor these programs and will reach out to families to provide needed supports to children who are struggling. Special educators, ELL teachers, counselors, principals, and homeroom teachers will communicate regularly about student progress. Additionally, teachers are planning thoughtful and creative ways to provide content-based review and enrichment for your children.

Schools have been busy distributing Chromebooks to students in grades K-5 who do not already have one or who do not have access to a device at home. Additionally, Charter is offering free Spectrum broadband and Wi-Fi access for 60 days to households with K-12 students who do not already have a broadband subscription. For more information please call 1-844-488-8395. To access online learning tools, go to <https://clever.com/in/elps> and have your child log in with his/her Clever badge or Google credentials. If you have any trouble logging in, and your child's teacher can't help, please reach out to your child's principal.

The following are the personalized learning tools available to your children at each grade level, as well as recommended minutes/week based on a variety of factors including other content-based online curriculum students receive. Please remember that these are recommendations. We know attention can vary based on your children, so we recommend breaking these up in a predictable schedule, examples of which I will provide.

Grade(s)	Personal Learning Tool	Recommended minutes/week
K-2	Lexia	Recommended usage
K, 2	ST Math	90
1	I-ready math	90
3-5	I-ready reading	90
3-4	ST Math	45
3-5	I-ready math	45
6-8	I-ready math	60
6-8	I-ready reading	60
9-12	Albert-io	60

Routines are important for all children. Classroom schedules provide predictability and therefore comfort to children, so the best way to maintain this is to create a schedule at home. There are examples provided [here](#) by educational expert and mother (and an ELPS keynote speaker) Katie Novak. We understand that not all families will be able to maintain such a schedule, but providing time for fresh air, exercise, and non-screen time will be important for children. On the ELPS Curriculum [website](#), I have provided tools for managing [screentime](#). I will also begin to curate resources for supporting learning at home.

I am a mother of a nine-year-old daughter and I too am juggling the task of supporting her learning and well-being in this unprecedented time--while doing the same for the children of ELPS. Please know that I understand the challenge involved and am here to support families in any way I can.

Take care,

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