



# Preparing to Pivot

for the 2020–2021 School Year

# Expect the Unexpected

It's clear the 2020–2021 school year will not be a typical one, and schools and districts have to plan and prepare for the unexpected. This is no easy task, and with the first day of school fast approaching (and in the rearview mirror for some), the pressure is on for administrators to get it right.

While so much is still unknown, one thing is certain—having a **plan and digital infrastructure in place** to pivot between in-person and fully virtual instruction can help you adapt quickly and more easily should the need to do so arise.

In the spring, school closures caught educators, students, and families by surprise, leading to many challenges, including pronounced learning loss. Now, with the benefit of experience and time, educators can develop learning plans that not only cut down on the challenges everyone experiences, but also ensure that high-quality, lasting learning takes place regardless of the method of instruction delivery used.

**To start, list your biggest concerns for the new school year below, such as increasing device and Internet access, accommodating the needs of younger and exceptional students, training teachers, maintaining enrollments, and so on.**

## BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS:

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## THE FIRST 30 DAYS:

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## LONG-TERM:

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Fill out our [School Reopening Plan Customization Tool](#) to explore how partnering with Edgenuity® can help you address these and more concerns.

# Identify Vulnerable Populations

In the spring, reaching students was a significant issue for many schools and districts. Use this space to identify student and staff groups that may need more support or accommodations, such as younger students, older or first-year teachers, English language learners, students with limited access to technology, students transitioning from elementary to middle school, etc.

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What were you doing before school closures to meet their needs? How can those practices be adapted to continue supporting them if you have to pivot between fully virtual and in-person instruction?

Taking these needs into consideration can help you develop a comprehensive reopening plan that not only enables you to serve your students and staff in the event you need to quickly pivot between instructional methods, but can also help you maintain student enrollments and staff. And well-developed practices and supports can help you continue meeting your students' and staff's varied needs in the months and years to come.



# Meet Your Needs

Now that you've identified your main concerns, investigate how to meet your needs. A comprehensive learning management system and [rigorous and engaging digital curriculum](#) are critical for not only meeting curricular and student needs, but for lightening the load placed on educators.

Choosing [the right curriculum provider](#) can help you easily transition between in-person and fully virtual instruction without any loss of instructional time or learning gains. And offering opportunities for supplemental learning can reinforce what students are learning, ensuring they'll be ready for more challenging skills and concepts.

In the coming months, educators may need to completely change their teaching practices or even shift their roles in the school or district, and offering [professional development and training resources](#) can be critical for supporting them through these changes.

And importantly, build a communication plan and system so you can **stay in regular contact with your staff, students, and families**. Establishing a communication system enables you to solicit community feedback on your plans, share guidance for engaging in remote instruction, and effectively build a partnership between your staff, students, and their families. If learning does have to move out of the school building and into students' homes, this partnership will take on greater importance.

In the spaces below, start building your communication plan.

**What methods of communication can you use, and which have proven to be most successful in the past?**

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**How often do you plan to communicate with staff, students, and families?**

Staff: \_\_\_\_\_

Students: \_\_\_\_\_

Families: \_\_\_\_\_

**What type of information do you plan to share?**

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## Partnering with Edgenuity

With so many unknowns to plan for, partnering with [Edgenuity](#) can help schools and districts continue offering students high-quality and lasting instruction that moves them forward in their education, while also saving precious time for educators.

Edgenuity's curriculum and learning solutions increase flexibility and help you offer more learning opportunities for all students, including exceptional learners and those behind grade level. Incorporating these learning solutions can ease the transition between in-person and fully virtual learning with no loss of instructional time or learning opportunities, and help students take more ownership of their education.



Our [Instructional Services](#) provides curriculum and highly qualified, certified virtual instructors, enabling you to offer additional learning opportunities and your own virtual school or program, along with the specialized instructors to staff it. And with Instructional Services, you get access to multiple layers of support to help ensure your implementation is successful.



Our [catalog of trainings and workshops](#) helps educators implement Edgenuity with fidelity, and shares best practices when using Edgenuity's learning solutions in virtual, hybrid, and in-person instructional models.



We also offer on-demand tutoring in secondary core subject areas, which provides students access to help seven days a week, and takes pressure off overwhelmed teachers. And with easy access to [real-time data and reporting](#), educators can easily utilize formative assessment to make sure students understand the concepts and skills they're learning.



Our comprehensive [social and emotional learning \(SEL\) curriculum](#) provides the tools and content educators need to build a culture of SEL throughout your school community, and helps students develop the skills they need to grow both academically and emotionally.

Partnering with Edgenuity enables you to establish an [online learning program](#) that can [adapt quickly to your community's changing needs](#) while still fully supporting your staff and students.



Build your [customized school reopening plan](#) to discover how Edgenuity can help you address many of the challenges you face while giving you additional flexibility and support.



Discover how partnering with Edgenuity can  
set you up for a successful 2020–2021 school year.

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