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“Educational Service Unit 15,  
as a partner with our area schools and  
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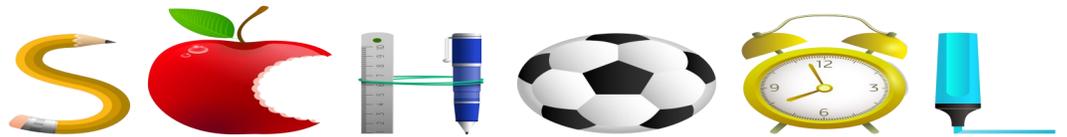


Paul Calvert, Administrator

## Calendar of Events

**Please continue to watch for updates  
as COVID-19 guidelines change with  
the status of area cases & schools reopening.**

August 11th	<b>ESU 15 Regular Board Meeting Noon—ESU 15 McCook Office &amp; DL</b>
August 12th	ESU 15 Staff Day - ESU 15 Trenton 9am-3pm *Date/format subject to change due to COVID-19 Crisis status
Sept. 7th	Labor Day—ESU Offices Closed
Sept 17th/18th	School Secretary Safety Training—see details below
Sept. 29th	MTSS Refinement Day 9am-3pm
Oct. 20	NDE—ILCD/TIP at ESU 15 Trenton 9am-3pm



**Sept 17th or 18th- choose 1 day**

**LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE - TBA**

REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1goKLYKUUh4TSCYmxZ3fg8X7gGtt7pmLHUDk2VeNrcxd0>

**Hosted at ESU 15—see attached flyer for details**

Nebraska Department of Education—School Secretary Safety Training

“Keeping the Gate Keepers Safe” (rescheduled from April 2020)

# SUPERINTENDENT'S



Thank you for your continued leadership during the COVID-19 Crisis!  
**Welcome Back to School!**  
~Please stayed tuned for status of 2020-21 meetings at ESU 15~



## **Bus Driver Training** In-Person Trainings Level I & II Available Online ONLY

Please see the attached flyer regarding available COVID-19 webinars regarding pupil transportation

There is a ZOOM meeting available in August & September. There is also (1) training available at UNK, August 9th, 3pm-6pm.

Please see the link below to register or for more details on Bus Driver Training.

[https://www.unk.edu/offices/safety\\_center/pupil-transportation.php](https://www.unk.edu/offices/safety_center/pupil-transportation.php)

For more detailed information or questions, please contact :  
Nebraska Safety Center at (308) 865-8256 or bus@unk.edu



**Thank you teachers, staff, & students at all of the ESU 15 schools!**  
**You were GREAT for '19/'20 ~ we know you will ROCK '20/'21!**

**Welcome Back!**

**- We will get through this together -**



### 2020 NATS/NATM Fall Conference

October 1-3, 2020 –Registration opens Aug. 1st

Younes Conference Center, Kearney, NE Please join us for the joint Fall Conference for Nebraska teachers of Math (NATM) and Science (NATS).



**When:** August-September, 2020  
**Where:** Via Zoom webinars ~Registration required  
<http://nemtss.unl.edu/nebraska-mtss-summit/>

## Professional Development

Does your school have areas that you need additional training or would like to improve? Do you have a new teacher that could use some coaching or extra support? Do any of the teachers seek expansion on information learned at one of the PLC meetings?



**Don't forget...during the COVID-19 ever-changing protocols—we are here to support staff so students have a positive learning experiences this fall as schools learn to adapt to the new normal!**

**Please reach out via email with your needs, questions & concerns!**

**We are here for you!**

~Contact the ESU 15 Professional Development Team~  
Kelly Erickson or Stephanie Malcolm  
to discuss a plan of action or to schedule a visit to your school.  
Kelly—kerickson@esu15.org or Stephanie—smalcolm@esu15.org

## Special Education News

# MTSS Refinement Day - Sept. 29th

Register with the  
link below ↓

# 9am-3pm (Lunch included)

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1vHd0mE4fdNpr9rMZ94u1lrORFw4b\\_044o12u7WHxeWg](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1vHd0mE4fdNpr9rMZ94u1lrORFw4b_044o12u7WHxeWg)

## Central Region ASD Network

Check out ASD Network events on the webpage at:

<http://www.unl.edu/asdnetwork>

Find more information on trainings at the Central Team website:

<http://www.esu10.org/programs-services/special-education-services/Autism>

# ADVISER Workday

Continue to watch for upcoming dates  
or ZOOM Meetings

# ADCO



# To Be Announced At A Later Date

# Early Childhood Planning Region Team 15



Sept. 4th ~ 12pm

Nov. 13th ~ 12pm

~Meetings held at ESU 15-McCook

Region 15 is the McCook Planning Region.  
It serves the counties of Chase, Dundy,  
Frontier, Hayes, Hitchcock, and Red Willow



## Educational Service Unit 15

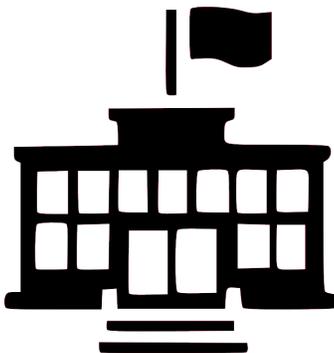
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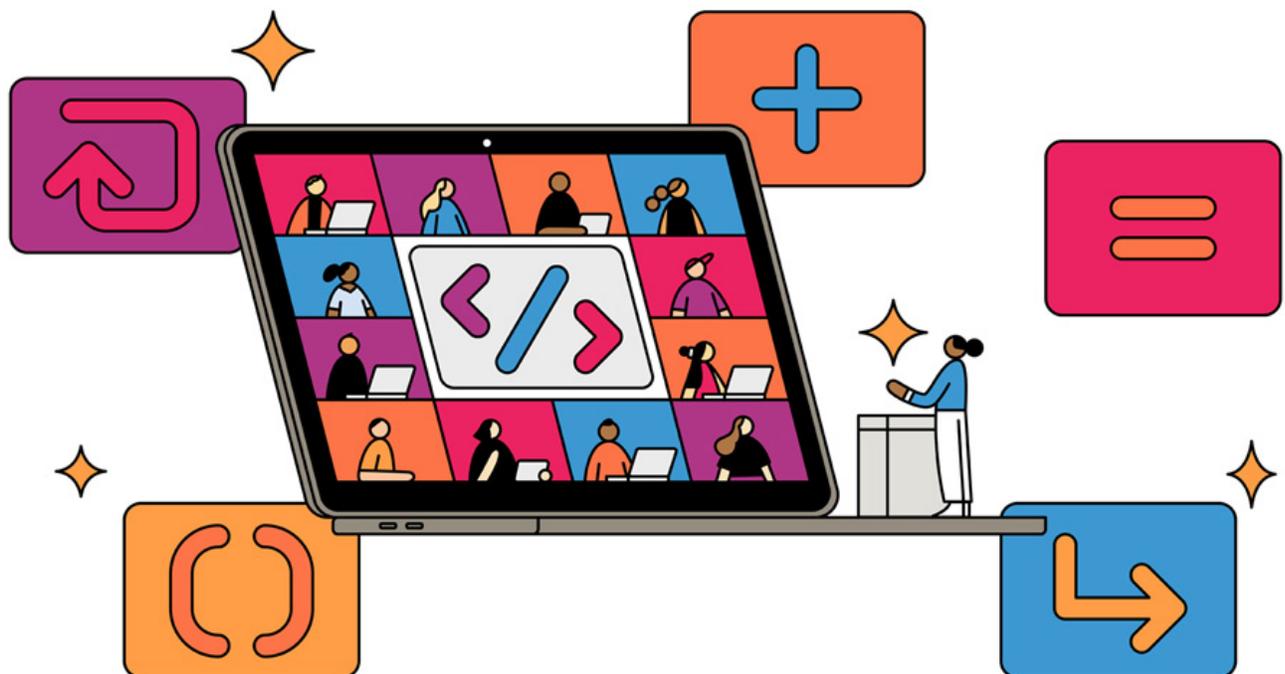
UPDATE

July 9, 2020

# Apple updates coding programs and resources for educators and students



New Develop in Swift and Everyone Can Code curricula, and a new online course for teachers



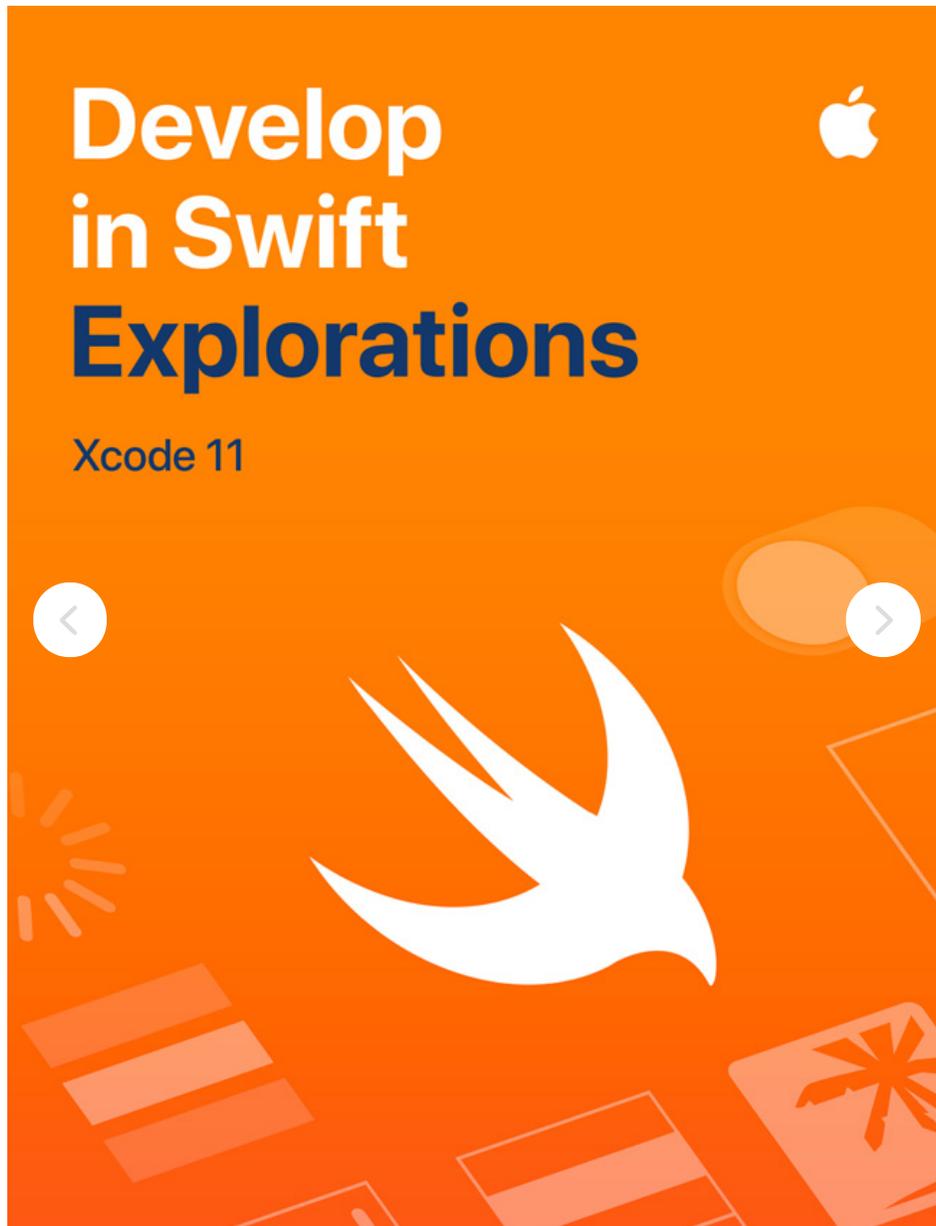
New tools for educators help students from grade school to college learn how to code from anywhere.



Apple today announced a new set of tools to help educators teach coding to students from grade school to college. In addition to significant enhancements to the Develop in Swift and Everyone Can Code curricula, Apple is also starting a new

professional learning course for Develop in Swift, available to educators at no cost. The course is designed to supplement the need for computer science educators in the US, and helps instructors of all skill levels build foundational knowledge to teach app development with Swift. In addition, with many institutions operating remotely, Apple is adding resources for educators and parents to help ensure they have the tools they need to help students learn and grow from anywhere.

"Apple has worked alongside educators for 40 years, and we're especially proud to see how Develop in Swift and Everyone Can Code have been instrumental in helping teachers and students make an impact in their communities," said Susan Prescott, Apple's vice president of Markets, Apps, and Services. "We've seen community college students build food security apps for their campus and watched middle school educators host virtual coding clubs over summer break. As part of our commitment to help expand access to computer science education, we are thrilled to be adding a new professional learning course to help more educators, regardless of their experience, have the opportunity to learn coding and teach the next generation of developers and designers."



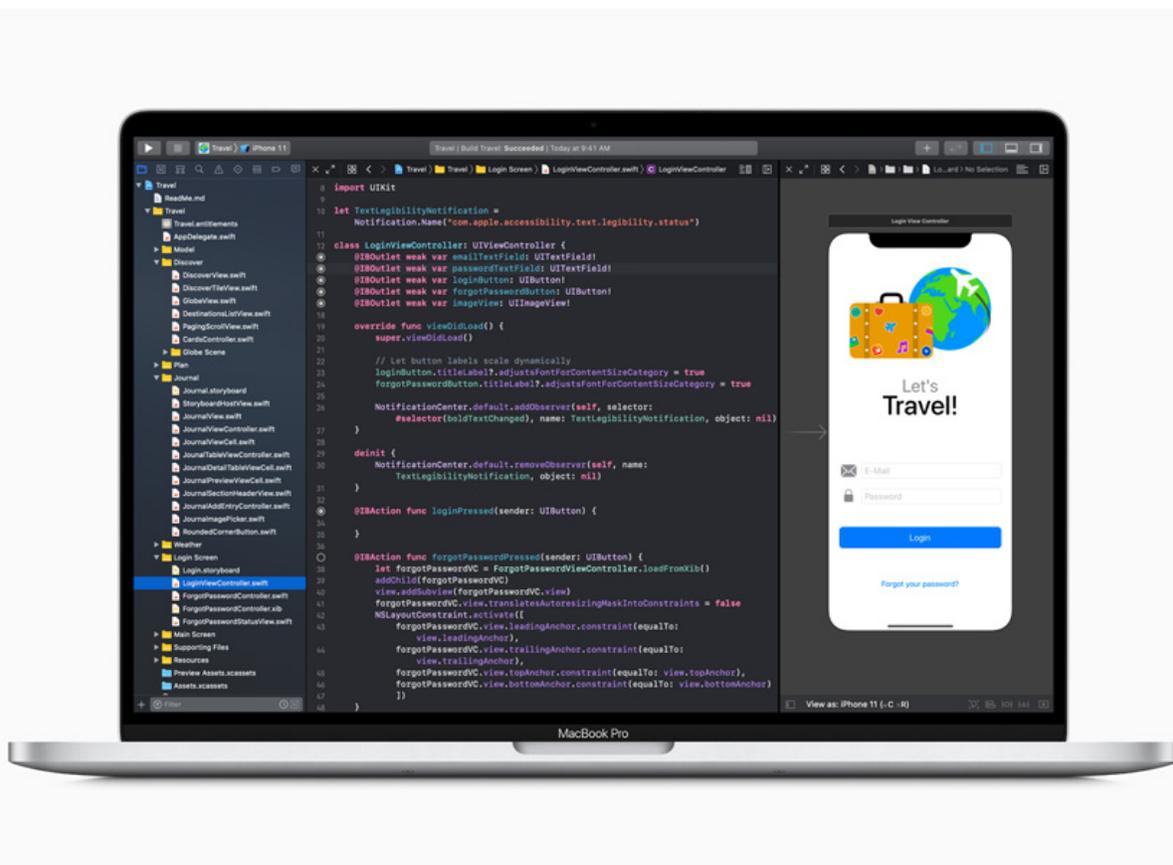
The all-new "Develop in Swift Explorations" student guide is available today in Apple Books.



Apple is enhancing its Develop in Swift and Everyone Can Code coding curricula. Develop in Swift is geared toward high school and higher education students, and teaches both Swift, a powerful and intuitive open-source programming language designed by Apple, and Xcode on Mac to new and experienced coders. Everyone Can Code introduces coding to students in grades 4 through 8, and uses puzzles and games to help teach the building blocks of Swift through the Swift Playgrounds app.

“The new Develop in Swift curriculum helps our students develop the technical and soft skills employers are looking for,” said Bill Skrzypczak, who teaches a two-year associate degree program in mobile app design and development at McHenry County College in Illinois. “I’m proud that 100 percent of our graduates have gained employment with an average salary of \$70,000 to \$100,000, including both our returning adult and traditional students.”

The Develop in Swift curriculum is now completely redesigned to meet student learning styles, based on educator input continuously sourced by Apple. The new series includes four books: “Develop in Swift Explorations,” “Develop in Swift AP CS Principles,” and “Develop in Swift Fundamentals,” which are all live today, and “Develop in Swift Data Collections,” which will be available this fall. The curriculum is available free in [Apple Books](#).



Xcode on Mac is the center of the Apple development experience, and Swift is Apple’s powerful, intuitive open programming language that lets everyone build amazing apps. [Download Swift](#)

Apple is also releasing the next set of books in its Everyone Can Code curriculum today. “Everyone Can Code Adventures” is designed for students who have already

completed “Everyone Can Code Puzzles” and offers more advanced opportunities to build with Swift code. Students will learn about important programming concepts used in app development as they work through more challenging lessons in Swift Playgrounds.

“Coding gives my middle school students the opportunity to build computational thinking skills and allows them to develop creative solutions for issues they care about most,” said Jessica Bibbs-Fox, who teaches eighth grade science and math at Kelly Elementary School in the Compton Unified School District in California. “Many of them are working through trauma in their communities, and these skills are essential in helping them grow into effective problem solvers both in and out of school.”

Bibbs-Fox has been using the Everyone Can Code curriculum with her students for three years, and has learned to code alongside them, with real-world results. She thinks the new Adventures series will allow schools to plan coding programs that span multiple grade levels.

“The Adventures content is built to help students understand the more advanced coding concepts,” Bibbs-Fox said. “Students can go further in Swift Playgrounds to build more experience with Swift coding, which will really help in their transition to Xcode and the Develop in Swift curriculum.”





The new “Everyone Can Code Adventures” student guide is available today in Apple Books.



The “Everyone Can Code Adventures” student and teacher guides are now available for free in [Apple Books](#).

The Computer Science Teachers Association notes that fewer than 50 percent of all American high schools offer computer science classes and many college students aren’t able to get into the computer science courses needed to graduate, partly due to an ongoing shortage of educators available to instruct them. In an effort to help, Apple will begin offering a new, free online professional [learning course for educators](#). Taught by Apple experts, the course will help instructors with all levels of ability acquire the skills they need to teach Swift and Xcode, making this an ideal introductory course for teaching the Develop in Swift curriculum. Interested educators can sign up today to participate in the course, which will be available July 13 through the Canvas Learning Management System.

To support parents with kids learning to code at home, Apple is adding a new guide to its set of remote learning resources. “[A Quick Start to Code](#)” is now available and features 10 coding challenges designed for learners ages 10 and up, on iPad or Mac. Additional resources are available on Apple’s new [Learning from Home website](#), launched this spring, where educators and parents can access on-demand videos and virtual conferences on remote learning, and schedule free one-on-one virtual coaching sessions, all hosted by educators at Apple. New videos are being added all the time as part of the [Apple Education Learning Series](#) — including videos about using Apple’s industry-leading accessibility features.

In 2016, Apple launched Everyone Can Code, a comprehensive program and curriculum to help students of all abilities, from kindergarten to college, learn coding to solve problems and prepare them for the workforce. Develop in Swift was released in 2019, and today more than 9,000 K-12 and higher education institutions worldwide are using the Everyone Can Code and Develop in Swift curricula from Apple.

## Share article



Images of Develop in Swift and Everyone Can Code  
[Download all images](#)

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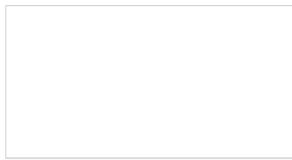
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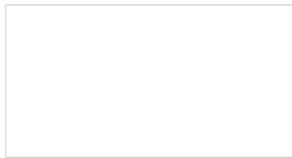
## Related Articles



November 20, 2019 **UPDATE**

### Apple expands Everyone Can Code to bring more coding resources to teachers and students

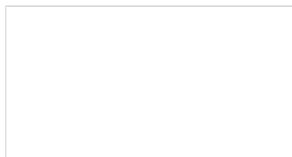
Apple today unveiled completely redesigned Everyone Can Code curriculum to help introduce more elementary and middle school students to the world of coding.



October 2, 2019 **FEATURE**

### Students across Europe learn Swift to unlock new opportunities

This October, in classrooms across Europe celebrating EU Code Week, students of all ages are living proof that coding opens doors to opportunities never before possible.



August 7, 2019 **FEATURE**

### Creativity and community come together at Apple's Teacher Coding Academies

Educators from nearly 70 institutions were the first cohort at Apple's Teacher Coding Academies in Houston, Austin, Boise, Nashville and Columbus.

The latest news and updates, direct from Apple.

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## COVID-19

The National Association for Pupil Transportation is pleased to have provided our members and the industry with timely and useful information related to the ongoing national outbreak of the 'novel coronavirus', officially named COVID-19.

### LOCAL STATEMENTS

NAPT suggests that school transportation professionals work with their school leadership to issue a statement to parents about cleanliness on their school buses. With schools being closed throughout most of the nation, this becomes important given the use of school buses to transport and deliver food and meals to children in need.

And once this crisis abates and we are back to school, parents will want to know more about what you have done in the 'down-time' to ensure the cleanliness and readiness of the school buses on which their children will be riding.

Consider including information about steps you may be taking in this situation:

- how frequently your school buses are cleaned and disinfected (note that some parents will want to know if you are using green and safer products)

- whether you are going to continue to perform extra cleaning once the crisis abates
- what steps you are going to take to mitigate further problems including, for example, hand sanitizing stations on buses as well as protective equipment for drivers and attendants

### **GENERAL GUIDANCE**

We continue to call your attention to some basic guidance about precautions you and your team can take in relation to the COVID-19 virus. This particular list was taken from the website of the National Association of School Nurses but is also consistent with the CDC lists:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

NAPT urges your attention to new pronouncements coming from our federal government about wearing masks and/or gloves. Your teams should be protected accordingly.

### **LOCAL HEALTH CONTACTS**

The federal response is also relying heavily on state and local health departments for implementation and emergency actions (school closures, travel restrictions, etc). School transportation professionals would do well to make contact with local health officials and school health officials to ensure you are 'in the loop' on such efforts and that school transportation factors are being considered in such plans.

### **WEBINAR RECORDINGS** *(click on title to view archived recording)*

- [How to Protect Students and Drivers from Infectious Disease Outbreaks on Buses](#)
  - [PowerPoint Presentation](#)
- [The CARES Act: What's Inside?](#)
  - [PowerPoint Presentation](#)
- [Dealing with COVID-19 Stressors in the Current Information Environment While Working and at Home](#) - sponsored by Worldwide Assurance for Employees of Public Agencies (WAEPA)
  - [COVID-19: Simple Answers to Top Questions](#) [handout](#)
- [Going Back to School Before the Kids: Part 1](#)
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- Considerations for Transportation Needs for Students with Disabilities during School Recovery Planning flowchart
- School Bus OEMs Preparing for Back-to-School - What You Need to Know
  - PowerPoint Presentation
- Keeping Your Fleet Healthy

## **RESOURCES**

- CDC Coronavirus-specific website  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- The Centers for Disease Control  
[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)
- US Department of Education  
<https://www.ed.gov/coronavirus?src=feature>
- US Department of Health & Human Services  
[www.hhs.gov](http://www.hhs.gov)
- US Transportation Security Administration  
[www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov)
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[https://youtu.be/O0ipL1Du\\_RQ](https://youtu.be/O0ipL1Du_RQ)
- COVID-19 Projections provided by The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME)  
<https://covid19.healthdata.org/united-states-of-america>
- FEMA: Addressing PPE Needs in Non-Healthcare Settings  
<https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/04/22/coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-addressing-ppe-needs-non-healthcare-setting>
- Websites for Your Own State's Education Department and Health Department
- Analysis: Temperature Checks, School Schedules, Masks - What Do States Want Districts to Do?

## **EXEMPLARY ACTIVITIES**

Throughout America, school buses are engaged in a variety of activities and services to assist and support local efforts during the COVID-19 crisis.

We could not begin to list or describe each and every example, but we are proud to share that school buses are integral partners in programs that:

- Provide meals to children who otherwise would have received meals in their schools
- Bring lesson plans and materials to children who are unable to use the internet
- Bring computer technology to children in need of such equipment to do their school work
- Station school buses in rural areas to serve as WiFi hotspots for children who cannot otherwise access the internet to do their school studies

All of us at NAPT hope you find this information useful and that you remain safe and healthy!

Please check our website and our various social media platforms for further information and resources.

### **COVID-19 Global Case Mapping Dashboard**

Provided by The Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) at Johns Hopkins University

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