



WATERTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 14-4

Garfield Education Center

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Special Education Continuity Plan in Response to COVID-19 School Closure

To: Parents/Guardians of Student(s) Eligible for Special Education and/or 504 Plan in the Watertown School District 14-4

From: Jennifer Heggelund, Special Services Director & Shannon Smith, 504 & Title Director

In the midst of COVID-19, the Watertown School District will ensure equal access to instructional needs for students receiving services in special education and/or a 504 plan. These exceptional circumstances may affect how all educational and related services, along with how supports are provided. The safety and health of your child is first and foremost a priority.

The following delivery of special education and related services plan will ensure students with disabilities receive equal access to curriculum and delivery of instruction. Special education case managers will communicate with parents/guardians via phone call, conference call, or via digital platform. Related service providers will provide access through a digital platform format and offer delivery of instruction through a digital platform when appropriate.

Early Childhood through Grade 8

Students Early Childhood through Grade 8 who have an IEP, will participate in learning opportunities by completing work tasks for their grade level through Google Classroom e-Learning. Case managers and related service providers will provide differentiated instruction to students on their caseloads.

Grade 9 through 12

Students in grades 9 through 12, who have an IEP will participate in differentiated e-Learning opportunities through Schoology and/or Google Classroom. Case managers and related service providers will provide differentiated instruction to students on their caseloads.

Hard Copy is available for all grades

For any families without internet access there are many free internet options available. These can be found on the district's COVID-19 Resource page. Please reach out to the district directly if support is needed to get internet service for your home.

All students EC through grade 12 also have the option to receive a paper copy of lessons and activities that can be completed in the home setting if internet access is not available. Families will be able to pick up these materials at their child's school during a designated time.

Any modifications and/or accommodations will be communicated with you through your general education and/or special education teacher.

Grade Level	Recommended Time Spent on Must-Do Coursework	Grade Level	Recommended Time Spent on Must-Do Coursework
Early Childhood	Individual Activity no longer than 10-15 minutes long Total of 1-1.5 hours per day	6th-8th Grade	Individual Activity no longer than 20-30 minutes long Total of 2-3 hours per day
Kindergarten - 2nd Grade	Individual Activity no longer than 10-20 minutes long Total of 1-2 hours per day	9th-12th Grade	Individual Activity no longer than 20-30 minutes long Total of 2.5-3 hours per day
3rd - 5th Grade	Individual Activity no longer than 15-20 minutes long Total of 2-2.5 hours per day		