

Examples of Home Learning Methods and Alternative Instructional Strategies

Examples of Methods for Students to Get Assignments

- Phone Message
- E-mail
- Telephone Trees
- School/Class Web Page
- Assignment Hotline that Students Can Call To Get Assignments

Examples of Home Learning Methods

Methods for Introducing Written Materials

- Textbook sent home with student
- Individual lessons/worksheets (Sent home with student, E-mail, Fax, Postal Service)
- Independent Study Packets (Sent home with student, E-mail, Fax, Postal Service)
- Virtual Classrooms
- Cable Broadcasting
- Internet Curriculum
- Televised Curriculum (PBS, Cable)
- Web sites

Methods for Explaining Material

- Written tips from teacher for parent/guardian/home learning helper
- Phone (individual or conference calls) support from teacher for parent/guardian/home learning helper
- Cable TV Program Developed to Support Home Learning Program
- Virtual Classroom/Webcast Open Circuit or Programming Developed to Support Home Learning Program
- Existing Educational Programming

Methods for Discussing Material (Higher Grades)

- Conference Calls
- Chat Rooms
- Online Discussion Forums
- Virtual Classroom

Methods for Practicing Material

- Worksheets obtained through one of methods identified above and returned completed by email, fax, or postal service
- Websites with feedback

Methods for Assessing/Grading Students

- Completed assignments, worksheets and essays
- Test materials obtained through one of methods identified above and returned completed by email, fax, or postal service
- Websites for feedback and grading
- Other _____

Examples of Alternative Instructional Strategies

There are multiple Internet/distance learning opportunities. Some examples are listed below.

- Add local sites.
- Add sites that your school currently uses.

Distance Learning Resource	Contact Information
Local public television Mission Community College telecourses/television courses	www.kteh.org 408-855-5180
CTAP: California Technology Assistance Project	Local contact: Robert Shemwell Robert_shemwell@scoecoe.org
A free course management system	http://moodle.org
A virtual office or classroom that allows for meeting, exchange of documents (e.g., homework assignments) as well as live and/or taped presentations that can be done from home	www.Webexone.com Site owned by Cisco (discounts for non-profits) Contact: Christina Nault: 888-932-2660 x6744 Christina@webexone.com
New York Times lesson plan link	http://www.nytimes.com/learning/teachers/lessons/subscribe.html
Lesson plan link	www.schoolloop.net
Smithsonian Institution Central Education Website	www.smithsonianeducation.org
Library of Congress ▪ Teachers ▪ Kids and Families	www.loc.gov/teachers www.loc.gov/families
NOAA Education, Advancing Environmental Literacy ▪ Primarily for Teachers ▪ Primarily for Students ▪ Cool Sites for Everyone	www.education.noaa.gov
White House Kids History and Math Challenges	www.whitehouse.gov/kids
U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service Website	www.nps.gov/webrangers
Online Teacher Resource that provides free and easy to use resources for teachers dedicated to improving the education of today's generation of	http://www.teach-nology.com

students	
North American Council for Online Learning <i>A National Primer on K-12 Online Learning</i> (April 2007)	http://www.nacol.org/docs/national_report.pdf