Education and Workforce Development Resource List

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  Create a free Mango account using your library card and pin!
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  Library Card holders can pick up a login at the library.
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- Tutor.com: Online learning from for K-12th grade. Plus intro-level college, adult, and job seeking resources. *Made possible with a grant from the Trull Foundation.* **Login - Library Card Number and Pin**
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Kids

FREE Educational Resources: All of these programs are free of charge. Some you may have to create a free account but they are all cost free.

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2. [Easy Peasy All-in-One Homeschool](#)

   [Easy Peasy All-in-One Homeschool](#) is a free online resource created by homeschooling parents for homeschooling parents but it can be used by al virtual learners. It contains full homeschool curriculum from a Christian worldview for grades K-12.

   First, parents choose their child's grade level. The grade level material covers [the basics](#), such as reading, writing, and math. Then, the parent selects a program year. All of the children in a family will work together on history and science covering the same topics based on the program year chosen.

   Easy Peasy is all online and free. It's all planned out day by day, so children can go to their level, scroll down to the day they are on, and follow the directions. Inexpensive workbooks are available to order, or parents can print the worksheets from the site at no cost (other than ink and paper).

3. [Ambleside Online](#)

   [Ambleside Online](#) is a free, Charlotte Mason-style, Christian-based homeschool curriculum for children in grades K-12. Like Khan Academy, Ambleside has a long-standing reputation in the homeschooling community as a quality resource.

   The program provides a list of books that families will need for each level. The books cover history, science, literature, and geography. Parents will need to choose their own resources for math and foreign language.

   Ambleside also includes picture and composer studies. Children will do copywork or dictation on their own for their level, but no additional resources are needed since the passages can be taken from the books they're reading.

   Ambleside Online even offers an [emergency-plan curriculum](#) for families homeschooling in the midst of crisis or natural disaster.

4. [Newsela](#)

   [Newsela](#) is an educational website that promotes literacy using news stories. Each article is adjusted to five different reading and maturity levels, so students of all ages can practice literacy skills while becoming informed citizens. A suite of tools allows educators and parents to evaluate reading comprehension and vocabulary, monitor progress, and personalize lessons.

   All of Newsela's articles and most of its tools can be accessed free of charge, and a Pro version is available at an additional cost. In March 2020, following school closures related to the COVID-19 outbreak, Newsela announced that its entire service will be available free for the remainder of the school year.

5. [Virtual Field Trips and World Tours](#)
   [San Diego Zoo](#) Virtual Field Trips
   [Travel and Leisure](#) Virtual Museum Tours
   You don't have to leave the house to see the world. Explore the halls of the White House, wander through the Sistine Chapel, and take a tour of the International Space Station with [virtual field trips](#) and [virtual world tours](#) (courtesy of TripSavvy). These lists include landmarks that you can easily explore from your computer as well as opportunities for enhanced learning experiences, including livestream events and

interactive tools. For more educational virtual tours, try TripSavvy's list of [children's museums you can explore online](#).

6. [Smithsonian Learning Lab](#)

Take advantage of the Smithsonian's 19 museums, galleries, and research centers and their wealth of material to expand your kids' horizons. Through the [Smithsonian Learning Lab](#), the institution offers images, texts, videos, audio recordings, and learning activities featuring its collection of more than 1 million artifacts. The site offers a flexible design and is easy to use. You can curate your own collection and share with your students to match your educational goals.

Recently, the Smithsonian also released more than 2.8 million high resolution images into the public domain, so now it is easy to explore and share the museums from the comfort of your home.

7. [Funbrain](#)

[Funbrain](#) provides free educational games, comics, books, and videos for children in grades Pre-K through 8th. Their fun-filled activities focus on developing skills in math, reading, problem-solving, and literacy. Content is organized by grade level and the site does not require you to enter logins, passwords or personal information.

8. [Big History Project](#)

Created for students in middle school and high school, the [Big History Project](#) is a social studies curriculum aligned with Common Core ELA standards. The program includes a course guide and it allows educators to manage classrooms, assign tasks, track progress, and personalize instruction. Though designed with teachers in mind, the website offers different versions to suit the needs of parents and history buffs alike. This resource is totally free, but an account is required.

9. [Chrome Music Lab](#)

[Chrome Music Lab](#) enables students to explore music and its connections to math, science, and art. This highly visual tool is organized in experiments and it is quite engaging and easy to use. Students can explore on their own, as instructions consist only of iconography and intuitive prompts. Some guidance might be required when

establishing connections to other disciplines.

10. GoNoodle

GoNoodle is a free app and website with tons of active games and videos designed to manage kids' energy levels. One of its main advantages is the wide variety of activities available, from Zumba exercise videos to Wii-like sports games and mindfulness videos. These features are available free of charge. An upgraded version called GoNoodle Plus enables teachers to create interactive games aligned with Common Core Standards in a variety of disciplines.

11. Bedtime Math

Bedtime Math is not only for bedtime. Its goal is to help kids learn to use math naturally in their everyday lives. Created by an astrophysicist mom, the daily activities and games usually take around 5 minutes to complete and can be adjusted to four different skill levels.

Parents can use the site at no charge, receive emails with daily challenges, or use the free app. Another big plus: the app is also available in Spanish.

12. Code.org

Code.org offers a structured computer science curriculum for kids at all levels, from pre-readers to AP-level students. Lessons teach coding, of course, but they also touch on important topics such as online privacy and digital citizenship. Engaging videos and fun games and activities enable students to learn at their own pace and stay challenged. Kids can even learn to build and design their own apps and games! Most work can be done independently, though younger students might need supervision to stay on course.

13. 826 Digital

826 Digital is an excellent resource to supplement your ELA curriculum and encourage creative writing. The site offers mini lessons—called Sparks—, larger lesson plans, and writing projects featuring topics that are creative, relatable, and age-appropriate. Writing prompts also offer the opportunity to incorporate STEM concepts to help students understand and write about science and math. Another interesting feature is

that many of the examples used on the site are written by kids, which may help students gain confidence in their abilities.

Unlike other resources on this list, 826 Digital is not an interactive site, meaning that students don't create their own accounts to work on, but you can save or download the material to print or assign via other platforms, such as Google Classroom. 826 Digital is designed for students in grades 1 through 12

14. Starfall

Starfall is a free educational resource for Pre-K through 3rd grade. Launched in 2002, Starfall offers an extensive library of interactive online reading and math activities, plus a Parent-Teacher Center with printable lesson plans and worksheets. Starfall is also available as an app for smartphone and tablet users.

15. Apps

With the popularity of tablets and smartphones, don't overlook the usefulness of free educational apps. For math practice, try the free apps provided by the Math Learning Center.
For foreign languages, try the free apps Duolingo and Memrise.

16. YouTube

YouTube, with parental oversight, can be a wealth of information and a fantastic supplement to virtual learning.

There are educational videos for nearly any topic imaginable on YouTube, including music lessons, foreign language, writing courses, preschool themes, and more.

- Crash Course
- Crash Course Kids
- TED Education
- Minute Physics
- Big Think

17. Houston Public Media: Through the PBS "At-Home Learning" initiative, Texas PBS television stations statewide have responded to the call from their local districts for

additional support for educators and families working to create engaging, content rich, curriculum-aligned remote learning experiences.

18. [Wide Open School](): Online School Resources

19. [Amazing Educational Resources:]() A community of educators sharing resources and support

20. [Typing Club](): Learn Touch Typing for Free

21. [Typing.com](): Touch Free Typing for all Ages.

22. [Squiggle Park](): Reading Comprehension but Fun.

23. [Mystery Doug](): Inspire Kids to ask Questions.

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Online Education Sites

Many online education sites such as [The CK12 Foundation]() and [Discovery K12]() offer free courses for students in grades K-12. Both were started to provide access to a quality education to students everywhere.

[CNN Student News]() is an excellent free resource for current events. It's available during the traditional public school year, from mid-August to late-May. Students will enjoy using [Google Earth]() to study geography.

For nature study, the best free resource is the great outdoors itself. Couple that with sites such as:

- [National Geographic]()
- [NatGeo Kids]()
- [The Handbook of Nature Study]()
- [U.S. Forest Service]() (Try these sites for high-quality free printables)
- [Enchanted Learning]()
- [Teacher Pay Teachers]() (Offers free and paid printables)

Adults

[Tips For Parents](#) new to the new digital reality they and their children are experiencing during this time.

How To Videos:

ZOOM

- [ZOOM](#): How To Join A **Zoom** Meeting.

  [ZOOM](#) For Students and Parents By Practicle Maths

Google Classroom

- [New EdTech Classroom](#): How to use **Google Classroom** for parents.

  [EdTech Café](#): **Google Classroom** for Students and Parents

SeeSaw

- Instructional Technology: How To Use **SeeSaw** on

  [Apple Devices](#)

  [Android Devices](#)

  [PC/Chromebook/MacBook](#)

  Instructional Technology: How To Use **SeeSaw**

  [Using SeeSaw Features](#)

  [SeeSaw](#): A tutorial for families. By Mrs. Jankords Learning Channel

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Job Search Starter Kit

- **For information, updates, and assistance during Covid19 please visit Matagorda County Open For Business.**

- **You may also call #211 for resources and assistance in your area.**

- **Further help is being provided by FEMA.**

- Apply for **[Unemployment Benefits](#)**.

- Contact the **[Health and Human Services Dept.](#)** for assistance with healthcare, food, childcare, and housing. Visit in person at:
  Address: 1700 Merlin S
  Bay City, TX 77414
  Phone: (979) 244-1662
  Appointment times may vary during the Covid Pandemic Outbreak.

- Get your **[Social Security Card](#)**.

- Get Your **[Birth Certificate](#)**.

Local Jobs:
Apply at **[City of Bay City](#)**.

Apply at **[Matagorda County Jobs](#)**.

Apply at **[Bay City ISD](#)**.

Apply at **[Wharton County Junior College](#)**.

Apply at **[Matagorda Regional Medical Center](#)**.

Apply at **[Walmart](#)**

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Please visit **[Workforce Solutions](#)**. Call or come in person at:
3501 Avenue F.
Bay City, Texas 77414
Office Hours 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday
(979) 245-4808 Phone
(979) 244-2455 Fax

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Newspaper Classifieds:

Bay City Tribune Classifieds

Bay City Sentinel Classifieds
Click on the *Classifieds* tab.

Victoria Advocate Classifieds

Staffing Providers:

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Stafford, TX 77477
Phone: (713) 789-5437
https://southwestdomestics.org/about-us/

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Lake Jackson, TX 77566
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https://www.teistaffing.com/jobseekers/viewopenings.htm

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Katy, TX 77494
Phone: (281) 589-0245
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TPI Staffing

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Sugar Land, TX 77478
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Web Pages

Linked In

Indeed

Simply Hired

Career Builder

Zip Recruiter

Monster

Glass Door

How To Videos We Suggest To Help Along The Way

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Kick Resume
How to write a professional resume.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BdQniERyw8I
Resumes of people who got hired.
https://www.kickresume.com/en/help-center/resume-samples/people-who-got-hired/

Indeed
How to write a resume that stands out.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C8J3GpW5oJo

Business Insider
What a great resume should look like.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UP-S9rvAYYo

What a resume expert sees in your resume.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VDFgGi-lrD0

Thomas Frank
5 Resume Mistakes to Avoid
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9tdyZWbGWO0

The Interview:
TopEschelon
[100 Behavioral Interview Questions to Ask Candidates](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

Indeed
Interview Tips
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q4yANR_GoOk

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How to ace an interview.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DHDrj0_bMQ0

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Charisma on Command
How to crush any interview.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bJ-U6bJGifA

Self-Made Millennial
Questions to ask at the END of the interview.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RfQ8rM0ocWk
How to answer behavioral questions in an interview.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IV30jAw7dxA
What Not to say in an interview.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=prW5jqJ6xwA

How To Dress:

Bright Side
What HR managers learn about you by looking at your clothes.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t0fM8sCZZes

HowCast
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The Balance Careers
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College Education

Thinking about going back to school? We have you covered.

Community Colleges in Our County

[Wharton County Junior College](#)

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For GED Help Please Visit:

There are many places to take your GED or HiStep Test.

[Wharton County Junior College](#)

[Texas Education Agency](#)

[GED.com](#)

For SAT Prep Options Please Visit:

To Register for testing.

[College Board.com](#)

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