



## **Easterseals Western and Central Pennsylvania Continuity of Education Plan**

**The Easterseals Linda Lanham Zeszutek School** sites have been closed following the mandates from Governor Wolf to close all schools on March 13, 2020 and then announced on April 9, 2020 that schools were to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. Under Act 13 Of 2020 the Secretary of Education waived the School Code requirement (Section 1501) for a minimum 180-day school term. While waiving the 180-day school term requirement, Act 13 also requires school entities to make good faith efforts to implement continuity of education for all students in the most appropriate and accessible ways possible for the duration of the 2019-20 school year. Schools may offer *Planned Instruction or Enrichment and Review*, which consists of informal activities that reinforce or extend students' prior learning. Both Planned Instruction and Enrichment and Review can take a variety of forms, including online/digital learning opportunities; non-digital learning opportunities (e.g., materials sent home with students); and other approaches designed in partnership with local IUs and PATTAN centers.

Easterseals education plan for our students is in the form of enrichment and review through learning packets sent home to each student weekly, phone conferences every week with the parents, 1:1 zoom meetings when needed or requested, school-tube videos with an assortment of daily circle time activities, story book readings, songs, physical education activities, therapeutic activities, etc. A copy of **Easterseals' School Programs Continuity of Education Plan** can be found below. This plan was provided to all school districts and parents that we are currently serving for this school year.

Our staff, students and parents have all been amazing as we enter this world of "virtual learning". We have all learned so much and continue to find new and creative ways to support student education. We all look forward to the day when we can all return to our classrooms and be with our students "in person". Please check out our school Facebook page for messages from our staff. Stay safe and healthy.

Patty Braendle  
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### Goal of Plan

During closure, Easterseals Western and Central Pennsylvania school program goal is to provide all students enrichment and review activities to support and enrich student skill development prior to closure. These activities will support learning, speech and language, physical therapy, APE, occupational therapy, as well as, approaches to behaviors.

### Overview of Plan

All parents/caregivers will be provided with a variety of activities that can be shared with all students that will enrich verbal and listening skills, cognitive skills, fine motor and gross motor skills. Each individual student will also be provided with activities that will be designed to enrich and review their specific educational needs.

### Expectations for Teaching and Learning

At this time, with parent support, activities will only be to provide review and enrichment of current skills.

### Communication Tools and Strategies

Parents can expect to receive enrichment packets weekly in the mail. A weekly team meeting schedule will be provided for each parent to check in with the education team (teacher, assistants, physical therapist, occupational therapist, speech language therapist, school nurse, social worker and behavior specialists) in order to discuss questions, concerns and additional supports for the student. Within each packet will be a list of additional resources for parents as an option to support enrichment activities. E-mail, mail, zoom technology, school-tube and conference calling will be used at this time for all communication with parents and LEA's.

#### Access (Devices, Platforms, Handouts)

All families, except for one, have e-mail. (Phone will be used with this exception) About 90% have access to the internet, computers, tablets or i-pads. Due to inability for all families to have direct access to technology resources, we have made the decision to provide most of our enrichment and support activities through the mail.

#### Staff General Expectations

All staff are expected to meet with their education teams, managers and directors weekly through Zoom meetings, conference calls and use of e-mail to review plans, expectations and evaluations of planned activities, IEP writing, etc. They are also required to meet weekly through zoom or conference calling with the parents of the students to review activities and answer questions, concerns and ideas. Other time is to be spent on researching opportunities for activities able to be implemented for students in the home through guidance of parents/caregivers, etc.

#### Student Expectations

The education of the students enrolled at Easterseals schools is primarily provided through individualized and 1:1 instruction due to the nature and severity of their disabilities. Educating our students through online instruction poses many obstacles for their education which is why we are currently providing good faith efforts in developing enrichment and review activities for our parents/caregivers to do when possible with our students.

#### Attendance / Accountability

Attendance/Accountability will be determined through discussions and attendance of parents at Team meetings, as well as, staff and social worker contacts.

#### Good Faith Efforts for Access and Equity for All Students

See above under access. We are also looking into possible opportunities to provide families without internet access or computers options for temporary access to these.

#### Special Education Supports

All our students are students with special needs. Supports are outlined as written in plan above.

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