The Role of High-Quality Instructional Materials to Support Distance Learning
CalCurriculum FAQ

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Is CalCurriculum and Pivot developing any online lab scenarios for distance learning?

While CalCurriculum offers a number of resources, we are not currently developing an online lab or any online distance learning curriculum. We do have a webpage with resources for Distance Learning & Instructional Materials Guidance developed in partnership with the California Department of Education (CDE). Our parent organizations, EdReports and Pivot Learning, also offer supports for districts in response to COVID-19.

- COVID Guidance from EdReports
- COVID Guidance from Pivot Learning

We also offer a number of California specific resources for the adoption and implementation, including:

- Instructional Materials Reviews
- Adoption Guidance
- Implementation Guidance

And, we currently have an application open to join our free math adoption cohort experience for districts interested in adopting high-quality math instructional materials.

Does CalCurriculum or Edreports.org offer English Language Development lessons?

CalCurriculum and EdReports offer reviews of instructional materials but are not curriculum providers and don't provide lessons or instructional materials.

We do offer an adoption toolkit that focuses on ELA/ELD materials adoption for California districts. We don't currently offer reviews of English Learner materials, but are looking to how we can continue to support making informed decisions in this area. We recommend checking out the English Learners Success Forum for more specific resources and guidance on instructional materials and English learners. We also offer some guidance on instructional materials and special education. The CDE offers support and guidance for distance learning and English Learners as well as students with special needs.

What are the names of the reports that were referenced by the presenters to be sure your materials are updated and correct?

We're so glad you asked! One of the lowest cost, highest leverage ways of improving instruction is to ensure your educators have high quality, standards aligned materials. CalCurriculum provides reports on 90% of the market for K-12 ELA, Math, and 6-8 science materials through our partnership with EdReports.

What about the use of free high-quality curriculum Open Educational Resources (OER)? Will the CalCurriculum list any of those resources?

CalCurriculum offers reviews of comprehensive, full course OER materials on our website alongside reviews of non-OER materials. We also have provided guidance on leveraging OER materials: Going Off-List with OERs and OER Tips for Educators and Administrators. The CDE also has distance learning instructional materials resources that include OER materials.

Will you have summer professional development?

Pivot Learning will be offering a free toolkit and webinar that will support districts in understanding ELA/Math learning needs as they reopen schools this summer. CalCurriculum is also offering a free math adoption cohort experience for districts interested in adopting high-quality math instructional materials.

Is the CalCurriculum website information applicable to all states and standards?

CalCurriculum focuses on California-specific adoption/implementation guidance and, as a state that adopted Common Core Standards, much of the resources we offer can translate to other states. Additionally, CalCurriculum's parent organizations, Pivot Learning and EdReports, both work nationally and bring that perspective to the resources developed for the CalCurriculum website.

Do you have specific science distance learning options?

CalCurriculum does not currently have science specific distance learning guidance - in collaboration with the CDE, we have developed [general guidance for distance learning and instructional materials](#). We also offer reviews of [6-8 science](#) materials, many of which have specific tools/resources for working in a distance learning environment.