Learning at a Distance: Journeys of Connecticut Schools

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) launched its Learn Together, Grow Together CT initiative to leverage the collective capacity and resources already in place around the state in order to better facilitate collaboration toward common goals by identifying and promoting the most exceptional strategies and connecting district leaders and educators with colleagues to borrow, adapt and put to use these proven models in their own districts.

This three-part live webinar series will showcase how a range of Connecticut districts have implemented teaching and learning at a distance. Key topics such as student engagement, balancing asynchronous/synchronous learning, online teaching practices, professional learning, rigorous content, formative assessment, special populations, socio-emotional support, connectivity, and security will be discussed. Districts will share what they have learned along their journey. Participants will be able to pose questions. All webinars will be recorded and posted on the CSDE Professional Support Series for Districts webpage.

Session 4: When your Classroom is in your Home: Teaching and Learning Science K–12

This live webinar will explore the teaching and learning of science outside the classroom in these extraordinary times. Broken down into three grade bands, K–5, 6–8, and 9–12, our presenters will highlight exemplary science practices.

Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020
Time: 2:00–3:30 p.m.
Presenters:
- Kris Feda, Newtown Public Schools
- Todd Stentiford, Newtown Public Schools
- Crystal Caouette, Middletown Public Schools
- John Duffy, Southington Public Schools

Register: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7204917584434986510

Session 5: Teaching the Artistic Processes from a Distance

Three districts will share their journeys regarding teaching the arts to students during this time of learning from a distance. This webinar will highlight their teaching and learning practices while sharing the ways in which they are engaging students and overcoming challenges.

Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020
Time: 2:00–3:30 p.m.
Presenters:
- Cindy Parsons, Glastonbury Public Schools
- Margaret Fitzgerald, Brookfield Public Schools
- Jeannette Gumbulevich, Waterbury Public Schools

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**Session 6: Virtually Teaching Today’s Skills for Tomorrow’s Careers**

Career and Technical Education (CTE) encompasses a wide range of activities intended to provide students simultaneously with the career-ready skills necessary to meet labor market needs while preparing them for post-secondary education. This webinar will highlight CTE best practices during distance learning, challenges faced, and suggestions to overcome those challenges.

**Date:** Monday, May 11, 2020  
**Time:** 2:00–3:30 p.m.  
**Presenters:**  
Joshua Ogrodowski, Enfield Public Schools  
Rob Kovi, Wallingford Public Schools  
Michael Iavarone, East Haven Public Schools  
Samantha Schadtle, Region 8 Public Schools  

**Register:** [https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1791203804242925582](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1791203804242925582)