

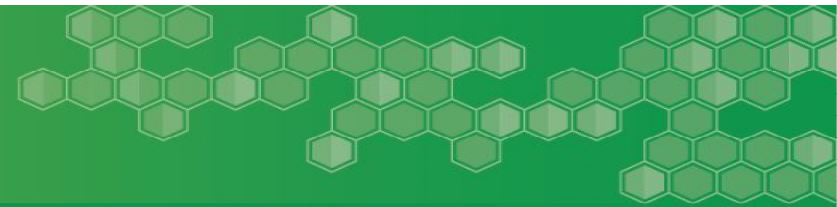


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Addressing Barriers to Remote and In-person Learning



- COVID-19 pandemic has presented both challenges and opportunities in meeting the needs of all students across the state
- CDE has worked to develop guidance, provide technical assistance, and highlight best practices for the field
 - Emergency feeding resources
 - Learning pod guidance with CDHS
 - Technology and broadband support
 - Student engagement promising practices
 - English Learner guidance
 - Special education guidance and resources

- Conditions for Learning
 - Well-being and Connectedness
 - Connecting with and supporting individual students
 - Supporting connectedness and belonging
 - Engaging community partnerships
 - Unique Student Needs
 - Students with learning gaps
 - Students who have dropped out
 - English Learners
 - Students experiencing homelessness
 - Students who are highly mobile

Issues Faced by Districts for Students with Individual Education Programs (IEPs)

- Meaningful implementation of individual education programs (IEPs) in remote settings or hybrid settings
- Potential budget impacts created by the delivery of services
- Existing staff shortages have been exacerbated
- Accessibility to online instructional opportunities are limited or non-existent for some families