

KEEPING CHILDREN ENGAGED AND SAFE DURING ONLINE LEARNING

Children Under Age 2

Austin PBS adheres to the American Academy of Pediatrics guidance that children under 2 years old cannot learn from a screen. However, young children can learn from people they know and have connections with through small amounts of screen time.

Beware of Screen Zombies!

When a child becomes so engrossed in the screen that they cannot look away from it, even when you are calling their name insist that the child do something else for a while even if they resist or have a meltdown – they'll get used to the switch.



Take Breaks

Regular breaks from screens are important for all – adults can become screen zombies too!

We All Learn Differently



We all learn differently and sometimes if a teacher or parent has explained a concept that a school-age child isn't getting, there may be an online or PBS resource that can explain it in a different way that will help the light bulb go off for that child.

Find Appropriate Content

Older children tend to determine the viewing habits of younger children. If you wish to know whether content (television, games, movies, etc.) is appropriate for your child check the reviews of commonsensemedia.org.

Apps are Safer

In terms of safe online learning for children, PBSKids.org is a walled garden to keep children age 2–8 safe. In general, apps tend to be safer than Internet browsing because phones and tablets can be set up in ways to hide more wide-open apps (like web browsers and YouTube) and on the Internet, it is easier to jump from one window to another.



Control Access

Most devices (computers, smartphones, tablets, etc.) have ways to control access to specific content for kids but they typically require some investigation in learning how to make them work.

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PBSKids.org

Educational videos, interactive games, and hands-on activities

PBS Apps

For apps for all mobile devices, visit <https://pbskids.org/apps>

PBS Parents

Find resources for families on how to use PBS programming with children and ideas of activities at <https://www.pbs.org/parents/>

PBS Learning Media

Explore a massive free database of all things PBS for teachers (PK-12), but available to everyone in the US, at <https://pbslearningmedia.org>

Austin PBS Learning at Home Resources

Learning at home resources available in both English and Spanish can be found at <https://austinpbs.org/resources> or <https://austinpbs.org/recursos>

Austin PBS At-Home Learning

Find an overview of PBS broadcasts and resources to support at-home learning for children in Pk-12 at <https://austinpbs.org/athome>

OTHER RESOURCES

Bright by Text

Text SmartATX to 274448 to receive free text messages that help families with current information, opportunities, and resources appropriate for children prenatal to 5 years old.

Common Sense Media

Media reviews, advice, and tools for families can be found at <https://www.commonsensemedia.org>