Exceptional Children Information for Parents

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Educational Games Expo

Each year, the U.S. Department of Education hosts the *ED Games Expo*, an in-person event to showcase educational learning games and technologies developed through programs at the US Department of Education and across the government. See here for a recap and here for a video trailer of the 2020 Expo, which occurred the week of January 6, 2020, and was headlined by more than 150 in-person education technology demonstrations by 115 teams at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington DC. At this time, it is unknown whether the 2021 Expo will occur but, if held, it is free and open to the public and parents are encouraged to bring their child(ren) to test out programs and provide feedback.

Here is a link to the website with a list of 88 learning games and technologies developed with funding across programs at the Department of Education and government. Each of the entries provides a URL link to a website that provides information on how to access the resources. Many of these learning games are free of charge, especially during the pandemic, but please read carefully as some many charge a fee now.

Topics of learning games:
- Early Childhood
- Special Education
- Science
- Math
- Engineering & Making
- Reading, Writing, Speaking, Languages
- Social Studies
- Social, Emotional, and Healthy Development
- Thinking
- Careers
- For Parents and Teachers

*Please note: The US Department of Education and NC DPI Exceptional Children Division do not endorse any of these games, companies, or technologies listed on the website.

Important Links
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- U.S. Department of Education
- N.C. Department of Health & Human Services
  - Strong Schools NC Public Health Toolkit (K-12)
- N.C. Department of Public Instruction
  - Lighting Our Way Forward (Summary)
- No Kid Hungry
- NCDPI-COVID-19 Responses & Resources

Upcoming Events
- December 3: International Day of People with Disabilities
- Dec. 18 from 10:30 to 11 am: American Sign Language (ASL) Storytelling Time
  - Contact Daisy Rivenbark for zoom link (videophone: 910.795.2714 or Daisy.Rivenbark@dhhs.nc.gov)
- December 15-16: Cultural Arts LIVE: Live Immersive Virtual Experience
- ECAC Webinars
- Autism Society Webinars
- NC Down Syndrome Alliance Events
- Center for Appropriate Dispute Resolution in Special Education (CADRE)
  - Working Together (English / Español)
  - Your Journey to Self-determination

Do you have an upcoming event you'd like to share with the community? Please email with information.

Check out previous newsletters for other resources.
https://ec.ncpublicschools.gov/parent-resources/parent-newsletter-2020

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