

SY19-20 Condon School Alternative Learning Activities (*This document will be updated as more resources become available.*)

Accessing Clever Digital Backpack

- Go to www.bostonpublicschools.org/backpack and click on “Log in as a student”
- Students log in using their BPS email and Password through “Log in with Google”.
- Homeroom teachers will share email/password with families in their room. Student passwords for their BPS email is their 8-digit birthday (MMDDYYYY).
- Please note that we don’t have subscriptions to all the applications listed on the Clever homepage. You can learn more about the BPS Clever Backpack www.clever.com/in/bostonpublic. The BPS is already working with additional companies to secure more resources for your child during this time to ensure continuity of learning.

Activity	Description and how can families help at home?	Grade Levels
Virtual Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly Instructional Plans from BPS Central Office (http://bit.ly/39X5btc) • Digital Learning Resources (https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/page/8081) • English Learner Teacher Virtual Learning Guide (http://bit.ly/2x2ocMg) • Special Education Virtual Learning and Resource Guide (http://bit.ly/2TSjWlq) • Online Arts Curricular Resources (http://bit.ly/2Wk5laa) 	K-8
Independent Reading	Reading is power! Research supports that independent reading is the largest driver to student success. As always, we need all students to read a minimum of 30 minutes per day at their “just right” book if they are reading at grade level and up to 90 minutes for students reading below grade level. Homeroom teachers will share book levels to support families in finding appropriate books for students.	K-8
Lexia Core5 in Clever	Lexia® Core5® Reading supports educators in providing differentiated literacy instruction for students of all abilities in grades pre-K–5. Lexia’s research-proven program provides explicit, systematic, personalized learning in the six areas of reading instruction, targeting skill gaps as they emerge, and providing teachers with the data and student-specific resources they need for individual or small-group instruction. Depending on your students performance level in Lexia, the system will inform you the number of minutes per week they recommend. It ranges from 20 - 100 minutes per week .	K2-5
Lexia PowerUP in Clever	Lexia® PowerUp Literacy® is designed to help striving readers in grades 6–12 become proficient readers and confident learners. Depending on your students performance level in Lexia, the system will inform you the number of minutes per week they recommend. It ranges from 50 - 100 minutes per week .	6-8
ST Math in Clever	ST Math is a visual instructional program that leverages the brain’s innate spatial-temporal reasoning ability to solve mathematical problems. Students can use ST Math up to 30 minutes per day .	K2-5
ALEKS in Clever	ALEKS is a Web-based, artificially intelligent assessment and learning system. ALEKS uses adaptive questioning to quickly and accurately determine exactly what a student knows and doesn't know in a course and then instructs the student on the topics she is most ready to learn.	5-8

<p>Khan Academy</p>	<p>This free site includes online tutorials, videos, and practice for all grade levels in most subjects, but math is where it shines! Students can add their teachers as a coach and get personalized assignments that include both remediation and grade-level content, all of which is common core aligned. All student/teachers can log in using their bps account (just be sure to log in with google, and not through the regular sign in page)</p>	<p>K-12</p>
<p>ThinkCERCA in Clever</p>	<p>With ThinkCERCA, students learn how to consume information, think about it critically, and express their thoughts effectively in ELA, social studies, science, and math. Our online curriculum walks students through the process of analyzing content-rich texts and multimedia to construct cohesive argumentative, informational, or narrative writings.</p>	<p>5-8</p>
<p>EPIC GetEpic.com</p>	<p>Access to over 35,000 ebooks, and learning videos. Only available during school hours.</p>	<p>K-8</p>
<p>Xfinity Education</p>	<p>Collections of educational movies, documentaries, and TV shows broken down by grade level and content. The collections were curated in partnership with Common Sense Media. Access by saying Education into a voice remote.</p>	<p>K-12</p>
<p>NitroType</p>	<p>A fun and competitive way to practice typing, this program can be accessed through the Clever Digital Backpack and is a kid favorite. The game provides students with a chance to learn to type methodically and builds their stamina for MCAS and longer writing assignments across content areas. No username or password is required, students create their own screen name.</p>	<p>K-8</p>
<p>Bookshare</p>	<p>Bookshare is available through the Clever Digital Backpack. The website houses many audiobook titles that can be used alongside a print book or independent from a print book. Our school has a Bookshare account and our 6th grade ELA teacher, Julie O'Neil, is the account liaison. If you would like an audiobook assigned to your student, please reach out to her at joneil3@bostonpublicschools.org.</p>	<p>K-8</p>
<p>NewsELA newsela.com</p>	<p>NewsELA publishes articles about current events (including the 2020 election), sports, medicine, etc. Students can search by topic or browse the homepage. Each of the articles comes with a variety of activities and the articles themselves can be adjusted by reading level. By going to NewsELA.com/join, students can sign up for a free student account. Teachers can also connect students to a class account where all students receive common assignments. NewsELA is offering all of their premium content for free for the remainder of the school year, so there is plenty to read!</p>	<p>3-8</p>
<p>CommonLit commonlit.org</p>	<p>CommonLit distributes articles, poems, and short stories from a variety of authors. Students can search by topic, grade-level, or genre. There are also several text sets that go with commonly taught books such as Esperanza Rising or The Watsons Go To Birmingham. The readerings all have a variety of activities that go along with them. By going to commonlit.org, students can sign up for a free student account. Teachers can also connect students to a class account where all students receive common assignments.</p>	<p>3-8</p>