

# Nicolet Middle School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to inform you that we will be introducing optional learning opportunities for Banning Unified School District students. All educational material will be distributed through the district office. We wanted to offer some guidance for our students that receive specialized academic instruction, to better facilitate at home learning, should you choose to participate. Attached below is a list of tips that may help you during the upcoming weeks. As a reminder all educational activities are optional. If you have any questions, please reach out, our emails are below. Additionally, please be on the lookout for a letter being sent out by Student Services.

Sincerely,

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## Tips and Tricks to help support your student

Shorten or chunk the assignment: Have your student only complete a section of the assignment each day. Maybe assign your student to complete evens/odds.

Brain breaks: Give your student some breaks during a longer assignment and/or between shorter assignments.

Reading: If your child is struggling with reading you could read the passage aloud to them, have them read 20 minutes per day on any material they enjoy.

Check for understanding: As your student is completing their assignment, check-in with them to see how they are doing. Are they struggling? Are they excelling?

Use incentives and rewards: Have your student gain something for doing well on their assignments.

Provide a quiet area for increased concentration and less distractions.

Provide structure and daily routines: Have your student follow a schedule that is beneficial for everyone.

Be creative, utilize household items as visuals to help with work ex:beans for visuals for math assignments

Most importantly provide praise and encouragement throughout the learning process as all navigate through this difficult time!