

CONTINUOUS LEARNING PLANS: TEMPLATE, GUIDANCE and RUBRIC TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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*On June 22, 2020, the Tennessee State Board of Education ("SBE") promulgated the Continuous Learning Plan (CLP) Emergency Rule 0520-01-17 and Policy 3.210. Based on that rule and policy, the Tennessee Department of Education ("the department") produced a template, rubric and guidance documents on June 26, 2020.

** This document is the template for the CLP application. A fillable, interactive application will be posted on the department's website by July 2, 2020.

INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to the State Board of Education emergency rule and policy, the CLP is intended to address how a local education agency (LEA) or public charter school will continue to provide quality <u>instruction</u> to students in the event of COVID-19 related disruptions to traditional school operations during the 2020-21 school year. Approved CLPs would ensure that LEAs and public charter schools can count days when instruction was provided toward the 180-day requirement in the law (pursuant to the CLP), and that LEAs will be able to continue receiving BEP funding in remote learning environments. The CLP emergency rule and policy provide the minimum requirements for each CLP and require the CLPs be submitted to the department for review and approval.

The department would like to underscore the critical importance of this work. The pandemic has been unlike any other time in our lives and has shifted education in the state of Tennessee. As noted in the department's <u>Reopening Schools: Overview Guide for LEAs</u>, the pandemic has elevated known gaps, and there is urgency for a child-centered strategy. This is especially true for our youngest learners, those with existing achievement gaps, those in rural communities, and those who need additional school-based services.

While school closures this past spring were challenging and likely created increased gaps in learning loss, we must focus on the upcoming school year. Our educators, principals, LEA and site staff worked hard and pushed to provide their students with access to instructional programming during this unexpected crisis. This year presents similar uncertainties and a need for contingency planning in key areas.

Collectively, we must work together to provide our children with a quality education that meets student and family expectations and represents our strong Tennessee public schools. This degree of planning will be difficult for a number of reasons: non-traditional school models, funding and budget constraints, health considerations and procedures, general anxiety and fear, and overall gaps in our shared knowledge of how to implement new ways of teaching and learning. We have not done this before, and it is hard.

Yet, we know that we can, that we must, and that we will. It is not a question of "if," but "how."

Throughout this process, there will be a number of supports that will be provided, and the department encourages LEAs to take advantage of any of those that will support planning or implementation work at the local level. Specifically, the department has and will provide support grants, technology grants, no-cost professional development opportunities, grants to support students with disabilities, internal staffing support, and a free online instructional tool for virtual teaching and learning (launching in August).

Will we likely need to do more with less? Yes. Will we need to change the way we teach and run our schools and LEAs? Probably. Are we as educators willing to do what it takes to support our students and one another? Absolutely. Will we get there together? Without question.

Keep going. Hold on. Take care.

CONTINUOUS LEARNING PLAN TEMPLATE

SECTION 1: COVER PAGE

Part 1.1: Snapshot Information

Please enter the name of the LEA or charter school:

Franklin County School District

Please enter the contact name and information for a single point of contact for the LEA or charter school: Stanley Bean, Director of Schools (Stanley.Bean@fcstn.net)

Part 1.2: Landscape Paragraph

The LEA will complete a brief landscape analysis, not to exceed a short paragraph in length. This information will include a needs assessment from the spring closures and 1-2 lines about the overall CLPs for the coming year. This can also include information provided in the LEA's CARES Act application. As an alternative, the LEA may attach a recent landscape analysis, or the LEA may reference the pages that cover this section in a separate attached document or their CARES Act application.

After Spring 2020 closure, we became acutely aware of the fact that our district was not where we needed to be for distance learning. We also conducted a stakeholder survey to gather information for planning the reopening of schools in fall 2020. We were able to see that we needed to build a strong virtual learning program, and personnel to implement and monitor the process. The FCSD reallocated some funds and in conjunction with our CARES money were able to begin making improvements by adding personnel and resources. We have added a Virtual Learning Supervisor, an Instructional Technology and Programs Coach, as well as a Virtual Coordinator. Please see attached information from CARES application and results from FCSD Stakeholder Survey.

Part 1.3: COVID Plan

If the CLP will not be implemented at the beginning of the school year, the LEA should provide either a narrative summary OR an attachment of the decision-trigger process for school building closures and an estimate of the timeline for full implementation of the CLP in that instance.

The FCSD plans to open school as planned in the traditional setting, with a virtual option for those that aren't comfortable coming back into the traditional setting. Please see uploaded Reopening of Schools Plan 2020-21 (Levels of Spread Procedures Pg. 3). This is not the sole indicator for school closure, just an informative piece to be considered. The decision lies with the DOS to evaluate the level of spread within certain areas/ schools and make a closure decision.

Part 1.4: Authorizer Engagement (only charters complete)

All charter schools should denote if a copy of their CLP was sent to the charter authorizer. Charter schools are strongly encouraged to work with their charter authorizer when developing their CLP to ensure the charter school CLP is not in conflict with provisions of the charter agreement or memorandum of agreement related to performance goals or services provided to the charter school by the authorizer.

N/A

Note: Throughout this document there are references to various grade bands. The Department recognizes that LEAs may have a variety of grade bands, such as K-8 schools, 6-12 schools, and K-12 schools, and may also have approaches divided by primary and intermediate elementary grades, etc. LEAs have the option of multiple-select throughout the application and may provide any information that is helpful in detailing their CLPs. LEAs do not need to conform to a specific grade band.

Note: Throughout the application, LEAs will be asked to select whether the CLP will be the same in the case of full remote learning. If it is <u>not</u> the same, then the section will appear twice (once for how schools will open in person and once for full remote learning.)

SECTION 2: PROGRAMMATIC MODEL FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

This section should provide information on the instructional models that will be employed by the LEA. Please note the requirements for the various pathways selected. *Note: Per State Board of Education rule and policy, LEAs must have approved CLPs to receive BEP funding in remote learning environments.*

CLPs must be submitted to the department by July 24, 2020. LEAs that will not be starting implementation of their CLPs at the beginning of the school year will be able to request permission to submit only Sections 1 and 2 of the CLP by July 24, 2020 in order to receive provisional approval. These requests must be submitted to the department by July 6, 2020. LEAs that receive provisional approval will then be required to submit the remainder of the CLP by August 31, 2020 to receive full approval.

Part 2.1: Beginning-of-Year Programmatic Model by Grade Band

Please complete the chart below for how you plan to <u>begin</u> the 2020-21 school year (check all that apply). The <u>Reopening Schools: Overview Guide for LEAs</u> should be referenced for more information or definitions on the various pathways. Even in a traditional in-person model, individual students learning remotely may operate under the CLP; in those cases, please check "family choice."

MODEL	In-Perso		on at School odel	Building			Remote	or Hybrid	Model		
PATHWAY	Trad'l	Stagger Return	Stagger Schedule	Year- round	Split Days	Alternate Days	Need based	Grade based	Family Choice	All Virtual	Other
Kinder	Х								Х		
Elem. School	Х								Х		
Middle School	Х								Х		
High School	Х								Х		

MODEL	In-Person Instruction at School Building Model			Remote or Hybrid Model							
Other:											

Part 2.2: Differences between Schools

LEAs should complete this section only if schools within a given grade band are implementing different models and pathways (e.g., some hybrid split days, some hybrid based on family choice, and some in-person). Only complete the table below for grade bands where there are in-LEA differences. If there are differences in models or pathways within a school to accommodate student populations served, please provide rationale.

School Name	Grade(s) Served	Model(s) Selected	Pathway(s) Selected	Rationale

SECTION 3: STANDARDS-BASED INSTRUCTION

This section should cover how the LEA intends to provide standards-based instruction for students who are not receiving in-person instruction at the school site. **Note:** There may be meaningful differences between the beginning-of-year approach and the approach during school building closures (should those be necessary). As such, the section will be repeated for "beginning of the year" and again for school building closures. If the strategy is the same, please check the appropriate box below. Please see the Special Populations, Academics, Postsecondary Transitions and Access and Opportunity <u>toolkits</u> for support.

- The LEA is beginning the year with full virtual or other remote instruction <u>OR</u> the LEA is beginning the year in-person and this CLP will reflect a full virtual or remote instruction model, if necessary.
- □ The LEA is beginning the year in a hybrid model. The CLP will reflect the hybrid model and will note any additional changes needed to convert to full remote or virtual instruction, should it become necessary.

Part 3.1: Explanation of Approach

To complete this section, LEAs may elect to either complete a brief (3-4 sentence) narrative <u>or</u> they may reference relevant pages in an attached document or plan. In the box below, please provide the narrative or the page(s) referenced if using an attached plan. State law requires 6.5 hours of daily instruction in grades 1 - 12 (4 hours for kindergarten).

The FCSD Virtual Learning team has put together a plan for our virtual option (please see attached the Instruction and Learning Section of the uploaded Reopening Plan & CLP Section 3) As well as a plan for teacher professional development for virtual learning, this will be utilized in the event of whole school closure (please see attached PD plan) High School students will following individual student schedules with teacher of record providing instruction along with course aligned program. Sample and explaination uploaded.

Part 3.2: Instruction Breakdown by Grade Band

Please complete the chart for each grade band to reflect the minutes of instruction planned. (In the online application, the chart below will appear for each grade band.)

Content Area	Avg. Days per	Minutes per	Delivery Mechanism: Check all applicable
	Week	Session	boxes*
English Language Arts			Synchronous AND/OR Asynchronous
	5	90-120 minutes	Virtual AND/OR Other
			Teacher-based AND/OR Program
Math			Synchronous AND/OR Asynchronous
	5	60-90 minutes	Virtual AND/OR Other
			🔳 Teacher-based AND/OR 🔳 Program
Science			Synchronous AND/OR Asynchronous
	N/A		□ Virtual AND/OR □ Other
			Teacher-based AND/OR Program
Social Studies			Synchronous AND/OR Asynchronous
	N/A		□ Virtual AND/OR □ Other
			Teacher-based AND/OR Program
Physical Education (PE)			Synchronous AND/OR Asynchronous
	5	30-60 minutes	Virtual AND/OR Other
			Teacher-based AND/OR Program
Arts			Synchronous AND/OR Asynchronous
	5	30-60 minutes	Virtual AND/OR Other
			Teacher-based AND/OR Program
CCTE or Elective (optional)			Synchronous AND/OR Asynchronous
	N/A		□Virtual AND/OR □Other
			□ Teacher-based AND/OR □ Program
Foreign Language (optional)			Synchronous AND/OR Asynchronous
	N/A		□Virtual AND/OR □Other
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Science			Synchronous AND/OR Asynchronous
	5	30 minutes	Virtual AND/OR Other
			Teacher-based AND/OR Program
Social Studies			Synchronous AND/OR Asynchronous
	5	30 minutes	Virtual AND/OR Other
			Teacher-based AND/OR Program
Physical Education (PE)			Synchronous AND/OR Asynchronous
	5	30 minutes	Virtual AND/OR Other
			Teacher-based AND/OR Program
Arts			Synchronous AND/OR Asynchronous
	5	45 minutes	Virtual AND/OR Other
			Teacher-based AND/OR Program
CCTE or Elective (optional)			Synchronous AND/OR Asynchronous
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			Teacher-based AND/OR Program
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Foreign Language (optional)			Synchronous AND/OR Asynchronous
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Part 3.3: Artifacts

To support the CLP, please include any artifacts that outline the LEA's approach to instruction. There is no limit to the number of artifacts submitted, but the department encourages LEAs to only submit materials that they have already created and/or plan to utilize for grade-level instruction. Artifact selection should be included to meet the benchmarks listed in the rubric.

Artifacts might include:

- Chart or crosswalk of instructional materials used by subject and grade, in print and/or digital format
- Master schedule, inclusive of all learning environments (vulnerable groups of students are indicated)
- Plan for addressing learning loss, grading/feedback, and determining ongoing proficiency and growth
- Plan to deliver foundational skills (literacy) and plan to prioritize daily early literacy instruction in K-2
- Specified course and remediation schedule and prioritized schedule for academic counseling

SECTION 4: ATTENDANCE

This section should cover how the LEA intends to account for attendance of students who are not receiving inperson instruction at the school site. **Note:** There may be meaningful differences between how a hybrid approach may differ from school building closures (should those be necessary). As such, the section will be repeated for "beginning of the year" and again for school building closures. If the strategy is the same, please check the appropriate box below.

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Part 4.1: Explanation of Approach

To complete this section, LEAs may elect to either complete a brief (3-4 sentence) narrative or they may reference an attached procedure. In the box below, please provide the narrative or the page(s) referenced. This should be aligned with state law and the State Board of Education's rules and policies, including the rules and policies specifically related to CLPs.

Attendance for our Family Choice, virtual learners will be monitored by the Virtual Learning Coordinator. Attendance will be taken daily. All truancy and attendance RTI will apply to our distance learning students. Please see attached policy for distance learning attendance procedures. Attendance for virtual instruction, in the event of full closure will be taken each day when students log in to Google Classroom and by completed, graded work with teacher feedback.

Part 4.2: Artifacts

To support the CLP, please include any artifacts that outline the LEA's approach to attendance. There is no limit to the number of artifacts submitted, but the department encourages LEAs to only submit materials that they have already created and/or plan to utilize for attendance. Artifact selection should be included to meet the benchmarks listed in the rubric.

- LEA and/or school process(es) for taking attendance
- Written policies and procedures, including definitions, for excused and unexcused absences
- Procedure for addressing attendance issues, including truancy and chronic absenteeism

- Staffing procedure to provide support for attendance
- Plans for family communication related to attendance and truancy

SECTION 5: INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

This section should cover how the LEA intends to utilize and provide access to instructional technology, including devices and internet access, for students who are not receiving in-person instruction at the school site. **Note:** There may be meaningful differences between the beginning-of-year approach and the approach during school building closures (should those be necessary). As such, the section will be repeated for "beginning of the year" and again for full closures. If the strategy is the same, please check the appropriate box below. Please see the Technology toolkit for support.

- The LEA is beginning the year with full virtual or other remote instruction <u>OR</u> the LEA is beginning the year in-person and this CLP will reflect a full virtual or remote instruction model, should it become necessary.
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Part 5.1: Explanation of Approach

To complete this section, LEAs may elect to either complete a brief (3-4 sentence) narrative or they may reference an attached procedure. In the box below, please provide the narrative or the page(s) referenced.

FCSD is a 1:1 District, Kindergarten through 12th grade (Chromebook Handbook and Contract is uploaded). An internet access survey was conducted (see page 7 of Reopening of Schools Survey) A more detailed assessment will be given to our students in the fall (see attached FC Technology Assessment) All devices are inventoried and tracked using our electronic inventory system and all devices will be distributed at the school level (attached is information on the electronic inventory system). FCSD has a Help Desk (6:30 am-4:30 pm) and online technical assistance (see link to website). Each school has a Instructional Technology lead teacher to assist (PD schedule is uploaded). FC abides by all COPPA, FERPA, CIPA laws. We have Go Guardian in addition to ENA for filtering safety and security. Due to our rural landscape, FCSD is unable to provide internet to all students' homes where fiber or cell towers are unavailable. However, we will provide satellite locations where students can come and access the internet.

Part 5.2: Artifacts

To support the procedures in the CLP, please include any artifacts that outline the LEA's approach to instructional technology. There is no limit to the number of artifacts submitted, but the department encourages LEAs to only submit materials that they have already created and/or plan to utilize. Artifact selection should be included to meet the benchmarks listed in the rubric. As outlined in the rubric, the way the LEA intends to serve the unique needs of students with disabilities, English Learners and other vulnerable populations in the LEA must be explicitly included.

- Survey for teacher and student home access to technology and connectivity
- Inventory for technology devices
- Procedure for how devices will be distributed and tracked
- Policies related to device distribution, use and management
- Troubleshooting procedures and related documents, including for devices that are broken, stolen, or otherwise missing to ensure that students do not miss learning
- Procedures for how students will access content
- Firewall and student acceptable use policies, especially those related to security, safety, privacy, etc.

- Plans and documents related to access and opportunity for all students to engage in learning in a reasonable timeframe (especially for households where there are limited devices and multiple students needing access to them during the same periods)
- Procedures for providing internet access to all students (if applicable)

SECTION 6: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (FOR REMOTE TEACHING AND LEARNING)

This section should cover how the LEA intends to provide strong professional development, learning and support opportunities for staff who may not be providing in-person instruction at the school site. **Note:** There may be meaningful differences between the beginning-of-year approach and the approach during school building closures (should those be necessary). As such, the section will be repeated for "beginning of the year" and again for full closures. If the strategy is the same, please check the appropriate box below. Please see the Professional Development toolkit for support.

- The LEA is beginning the year with full virtual or other remote instruction <u>OR</u> the LEA is beginning the year in-person and this CLP will reflect a full virtual or remote instruction model, should it become necessary.
- □ The LEA is beginning the year in a hybrid model. The CLP will reflect the hybrid model and will note any additional changes needed to convert to full remote or virtual instruction, should it become necessary.

Part 6.1: Explanation of Approach

To complete this section, LEAs may elect to either complete a brief (3-4 sentence) narrative or they may reference an attached procedure. In the box below, please provide the narrative or the page(s) referenced.

FCSD has offered a variety of training in preparing for distance learning. The list includes: Google Summit, Virtual Learning and Instructional Technology, K-2 Early Literacy, Panorama (SEL), RLA new textbook adoption, SPDG.

Part 6.2: Artifacts

To support the CLP, please include any artifacts that outline the LEA's approach to professional development, learning and support related to remote teaching and learning. This may include how the LEA expects to adapt PD to accommodate a remote learning environment. There is no limit to the number of artifacts submitted, but the department encourages LEAs to only submit materials that they have already created and/or plan to utilize. Artifact selection should be included to meet the benchmarks listed in the rubric. As outlined in the rubric, the way the LEA intends to serve the unique needs of students with disabilities, English Learners and other vulnerable populations in the LEA must be explicitly and cohesively included.

- LEA yearlong professional development plan, which might include training for educators on using any online course material and collaborating with those instructors of online courses
- Professional development schedules for staff (online or in person)
- Plan for how the LEA will provide ongoing support and feedback to all staff working in remote environments (to monitor the effective implementation of the CLP)

SECTION 7: IMPLEMENTATION MONITORING

This section should cover how the LEA intends to monitor implementation of this CLP. **Note:** There may be meaningful differences between the beginning-of-year approach and the approach during full closures (should those be necessary). As such, the section will be repeated for "beginning of the year" and again for full closures. If the strategy is the same, please check the appropriate box below. Please see the Assessing Student Learning, Governance and Consolidated Funding toolkits for support.

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- □ The LEA is beginning the year in a hybrid model. The CLP will reflect the hybrid model and will note any additional changes needed to convert to full remote or virtual instruction, should it become necessary.

Part 7.1: Explanation of Approach

To complete this section, LEAs may elect to either complete a brief (3-4 sentence) narrative or they may reference an attached procedure. In the box below, please provide the narrative or the page(s) referenced.

See artifact labeled CLP Section 7.

Part 7.2: Artifacts

To support the CLP, please include any artifacts that outline the LEA's approach to implementing and monitoring the CLP. There is no limit to the number of artifacts submitted, but the department encourages LEAs to only submit materials that they have already created and/or plan to utilize. Artifact selection should be included to meet the benchmarks listed in the rubric. As outlined in the rubric, the way the LEA plans to serve the unique needs of students with disabilities, English Learners and other vulnerable populations in the LEA must be explicitly and cohesively included.

Artifacts may include:

- Instructional oversight protocols
- Audit procedures (attendance, grading, etc.) with specifics as to who, when, etc.
- Plan to allow for differentiated access for principal/coach/Chief Academic Officer to review alignment to standards, student work, teacher feedback to student work/student work product

SECTION 8: COMMUNICATIONS

This section should cover how the LEA plans to communicate the details of their CLP and its implementation to stakeholders, including students, parents and staff. A communications plan must be in place, but a more robust engagement plan is <u>optional</u>.

Part 8.1: Explanation of Approach

To complete this section, LEAs may elect to either complete a brief (3-4 sentence) narrative or they may reference an attached communication plan. In the box below, please provide the narrative or the page(s) referenced.

The goal for the FCSD is to provide clear, concise, and transparent communication across the system and throughout the community in order to build unity and trust to move as a community in support of educating our students. The FCSD will utilize our district and school websites, our school messenger system (has other language options), our district social media, the local radio stations, and the local newspaper to achieve this communication goal. Student and teacher email accounts will be used to communicate with teachers and families throughout the school year. Hard copies can and will be available upon request. Please see attached Press Release that went out to the community on July 10, 2020 as well as our plan for continued communication.

Part 8.2: Artifacts

To support the CLP, please include any artifacts that outline the LEA's approach to communications. There is no limit to the number of artifacts submitted, but the department encourages LEAs to only submit materials that they have already created and/or plan to utilize. Artifact selection should be included to meet the benchmarks listed in the rubric. As outlined in the rubric, the way the LEA plans to serve the unique needs of students with disabilities, English Learners and other vulnerable populations in the LEA must be explicitly and cohesively included.

Artifacts might include:

- Stakeholder survey(s) and results
- Communications procedure, template and documents for updates or changes for each stakeholder group
- Emergency communications procedure, template and documents
- Family-specific services and supports provided, such as language translation and multi-media approaches

APPENDIX: OPERATIONS AND BUDGET (Optional)

The department is committed to continuing to support LEAs through this challenging period. To best plan for potential grants, supports, or other resource development, it is helpful and important to know the specific plans and work that is occurring in LEAs. Separately, it is helpful for LEAs to share their CLPs and best practices in support of one another. This section of the CLP will not be evaluated on the rubric but would be used for better aligning resource development and sharing ideas between school LEAs in the state.

- Continuum of Operations Plan
- Childcare Plan
- Budget and Related Documents
- Governance/School Board Plans
- Health Plans

- Nutrition Plans
- Policies
- LEA- and School-based Procedures
- Safety Plans
- Transportation Plans

TIMELINE AND REVIEW PROCESS

Timeline

Deliverable	Requirement	Due Date			
Provisional Approval	LEAs with later starting dates may request provisional approval	7/6/2020			
Request	directly to the commissioner from the director of schools.				
Continuous Learning Plan	Full CLPs due.	7/24/2020			
TN Department of Education	CLP reviews provided back to LEAs (either full approval,	8/17/2020			
Review	conditional/provisional approval or denial) on a rolling basis.				
TN Department of Education	For those LEAs that request and receive provisional approval,	8/31/2020			
Review	full CLPs will be due to the department August 31, 2020, with a				
	7 business day review timeline (either full approval, conditional				
	approval or denial).				

Review Process

Step	Reviewers	Action	LEA Support Available
Review CLP	TDOE Departments (internal)	Feedback to LEA	Technical Assistance
Components*			

Step	Reviewers	Action	LEA Support Available
Review Full CLP	Review Committee	Review and evaluate CLPs on rubric	Technical Assistance
Norming Check	TDOE Leadership Team Stakeholder Committee	Check non-passing review team scores for norming (Approve, Conditionally Approve or Deny)	
LEA Reviews Required Edits	None	LEA edits plan (if necessary)	In-depth Support
Second CLP	TDOE Cabinet or Executive	Review and evaluate CLPs on	
Review	Leadership Team	rubric	

*These sections may be submitted as they are completed if an LEA would like feedback or technical assistance.

Note: The department will include the monitoring of CLPs as part of its regular monitoring processes to ensure compliance with all state and federal laws and regulations.

AVAILABLE SUPPORTS

Should an LEA want or need additional support in developing CLPs, completing specific sections, or better understanding the expectations, the department has prepared to provide a significant amount of support:

Webinars

The department will host a webinar for each section of the CLP. Webinars will cover the content of what the section is referencing, how it will be evaluated, and what artifacts might be helpful to include. The session will also cover examples for various rubric rows to help provide clarity for LEAs. Webinars will be recorded and posted on the <u>School Reopening</u> webpage on the department's website for reference. Dates will be provided in email to superintendents as well as referenced in upcoming superintendent calls.

Office Hours

Department staff will host office hours for LEAs to support different pieces of the CLPs. There will be a consistent office hour from 12:00 – 1:00pm CST every day to answer questions about various topic areas of the CLP. The schedule for office hours will be:

- Mondays: Section 2 (Models) and Section 3 (Instruction)
- Tuesdays: Section 4 (Attendance)
- Wednesdays: Section 5 (Instructional Technology)
- Thursdays: Section 6 (Professional Development) and Section 7 (Monitoring)
- Fridays: Section 8 (Communications) and General/Open Questions

Office hours will begin on Monday, July 6, 2020. Contact information will be provided in an email to Directors of Schools. Any LEA staff responsible for sections of the CLP is welcome to utilize this resource.

Questions may be submitted on any topics related to CLPs to <u>K12.Health@tn.gov</u>.

Examples

The Department will post a series of examples for each section of the rubric to support LEA planning.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT

Over the course of the last four months, the Department has offered a number of resources, supports, grants, or opportunities to help LEAs. A portion of these include:

- **Principal Professional Development** a partnership with the University of Tennessee, Knoxville to offer free professional development on remote learning for any principal in the state, which are also eligible for TASL credit, with videos available to Assistant Principals and central office staff
- **Teacher Professional Development** a partnership with Trevecca Nazarene University to offer free professional development on remote learning for any teacher in the state
- Assistive Technology Grant a grant for districts to support purchasing assistive technology so that students with disabilities are able to receive services during periods of building closure
- **Compensatory Services Grant** a pass-through award to every district to help support any expenses related to providing compensatory services in the fall
- **Special Education Innovation Grant** a grant for districts to fund the expansion of strategies and practices to serve students with disabilities during periods of school building closure
- **Remote Learning Supports Grant for Children with Disabilities** coming soon!
- Online Academic Tool a tool that will be ready for launch this school year that will provide a full year of ELA and math lessons for 1st 8th grades, providing coherent sets of instructional materials linked to relevant standards supports, sample assessment items, and content-based resources
- **PBS Partnership** partnership with PBS to provide free statewide programming online and on television to support student learning during closures and over the summer
- Ready Rosie free mobile app for families to use to support early literacy and numeracy at home
- **Checkpoint Assessment** free beginning-of-year assessment available for districts to use to gauge student learning (including learning loss) to support educators in identifying areas of need
- Innovative Assessments a free suite of innovative assessment supports available for districts to use including an assessment builder, interim assessments, and formative assessments
- LEA Guide for Reopening Schools extensive resource produced to provide an overview framework for districts to use as they begin planning for school reopening
- 20+ Reopening <u>Toolkits</u> a series of topic-specific toolkits that provide checklists, best practices, reflective questions, and more intended to support effective and locally-driven planning for reopening
- School Meal Finder a website to help families identify the closest location for meal distribution during periods of school building closure
- **Post-Secondary Task Force** task force to support transition needs of high schoolers to post-secondary
- Child Wellbeing Task Force statewide task force to support child wellbeing through next school year
- **Diverse Leaders Network** a network to increase the number of aspiring, diverse school leaders that will pay for their masters degrees
- Aspiring Assistant Principal Network a network to increase the number of aspiring school leaders that will pay for their masters degrees
- **Principal Supervisor Network** professional development for those who manage principals
- Foundational Skills Curriculum free instructional materials for early literacy
- **Special Education Additional Endorsement Grants** a grant to pay for existing and aspiring teachers to become dual certified in special education
- **Tennessee Teacher Job Connect and Tennessee Education Job Board** online page to connect vacancies with job-seekers during remote recruitment and hiring
- Family Remote Learning Tool in partnership with Trevecca, an online resource to support families in managing learning from home