



Education Continuation: Delivering Learning When Disaster Strikes

Why does my school need a plan for academic continuity?

Swine Flu, Hurricane Katrina, California wild fires. Many say it's a matter of when, not if. Whether it's a pandemic, ice storm, earthquake, campus violence, or other natural or manmade disaster, ensuring your organization is prepared is key to minimizing adverse impact for administrators, instructors, staff, students, and parents. That means you have to have a solid response and recovery plan in place in anticipation of school closings, staff and student absences, loss of infrastructure or facilities, and more.

How can Elluminate help?

Elluminate's *No User Left Behind™* technology can be a critical component of disaster preparedness and recovery as well as learning continuity. Before disaster strikes, Elluminate can help you plan, prepare, and train. Elluminate's enabling technology allows you to hold meetings, manage projects, provide training, rehearse procedures, and more.

You can also look to Elluminate to provide continued communication, collaboration, and education during an emergency, regardless of duration. From campus-wide notification to meetings with community partners to rapid response training, Elluminate can help you prepare and respond efficiently and effectively. Then, once the crisis is past, Elluminate can be part of the 21st Century learning environments for schools that face rebuilding.

At Elluminate, we've demonstrated our ability to deliver solutions on a global basis through engagements with the World Health Organization (WHO), Pan America Health Organization (PAHO), HELP (Hurricane Education Leadership Project), and LINGOs (Learning for International Non-Governmental Organizations).

What are the benefits of an Elluminate solution?

Elluminate can help before, during, and after disaster strikes.

- Meet with staff, instructors, parents, and community partners
- Work collaboratively with state and national authorities
- Provide ongoing crisis training for instructors and students
- Bring in remote guest speakers to address academic continuity
- Create online session plans that provide consistency and ensure quality
- Integrate with existing LMS/CMS for blended learning
- Connect via Internet, teleconference, or video
- Support multiple platforms and Internet connection speeds
- Maintain ongoing teaching and learning
- Provide one-on-one or small group sessions
- Replicate the activities of a physical classroom
- Keep students focused on school and other normal routines
- Foster communication, connection, and community during times of crises
- Disseminate information as events unfold
- Create audio/video recordings and podcasts for repeated use

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Where can I go for more information about this topic?

- Sloan Consortium, Preserving Academic Continuity: <http://www.academiccontinuity.org/>
- Higher Ed Assessment Blog (4/30, 5/5, 5/6): <http://higheredassessment.blogspot.com/>
- ED.gov, Emergency Planning: <http://www.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/emergencyplan/index.html>
- FEMA.gov, How Schools Can Become More Disaster Resilient: <http://www.fema.gov/kids/schdir.htm>
- *eSchool News*, "Tech Keeps Learning Alive, Despite Closings" <http://www.eschoolnews.com/news/top-news/related-top-news/index.cfm?i=58604>
- Contact us today to learn more about how Elluminate can help. Just select academic continuity. <http://www.elluminate.com/request-information.jsp>