

# Caregiver Information Form



The STAR Online Learning System (SOLS) is a curriculum that will be used by your child's teacher to support your child's unique learning needs in a remote setting. This curriculum has been specifically designed for online use and will teach your child new skills as well as reinforce skills that they already know. Using SOLS offers families and teachers a unique opportunity to partner together and support children in the home environment. Many parents report that after using SOLS they have found more success engaging their children in home routines. The following information explains what the online learning sessions will look like:

1. To begin the program, your child's teacher will identify the most appropriate beginning skill targets in each developmental area. They will work with you and within your child's IEP to figure out how to plan your child's program. The amount of support your child will need from a caregiver during remote sessions will depend on the individual child's needs and age.
2. The SOLS curriculum provides remote instruction for a wide-range of learners and is divided into three strands. Children can move through the strands as new skills are acquired.
  - **Strand A** sessions are for children who may have difficulty attending to the instructor during an online session. The focus of these sessions will be guiding caregivers to teach your child new skills both during the online sessions and throughout the day.
  - **Strand B** sessions are for children who are able to attend for short periods of time and will include a combination of direct teaching and caregiver coaching.
  - **Strand C** sessions are for children who are able to attend for the entire session and will consist of direct teaching between your child and the teacher.
3. It is typical that your child's engagement will fluctuate within and between learning sessions. Over time, we find that most children become accustomed to the new routines of learning remotely. If you find that your child needs additional support to stay motivated and engaged, your child's teacher can help you come up with new strategies to help your child benefit from remote instruction.
4. SOLS offers a complete online curriculum that will support your child in learning what they would typically learn at school. SOLS also provides supports that you can use at home both during the instructional time and during family routines and activities.

**We are looking forward to working with you over the coming school year!**