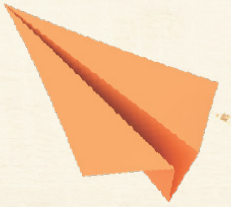

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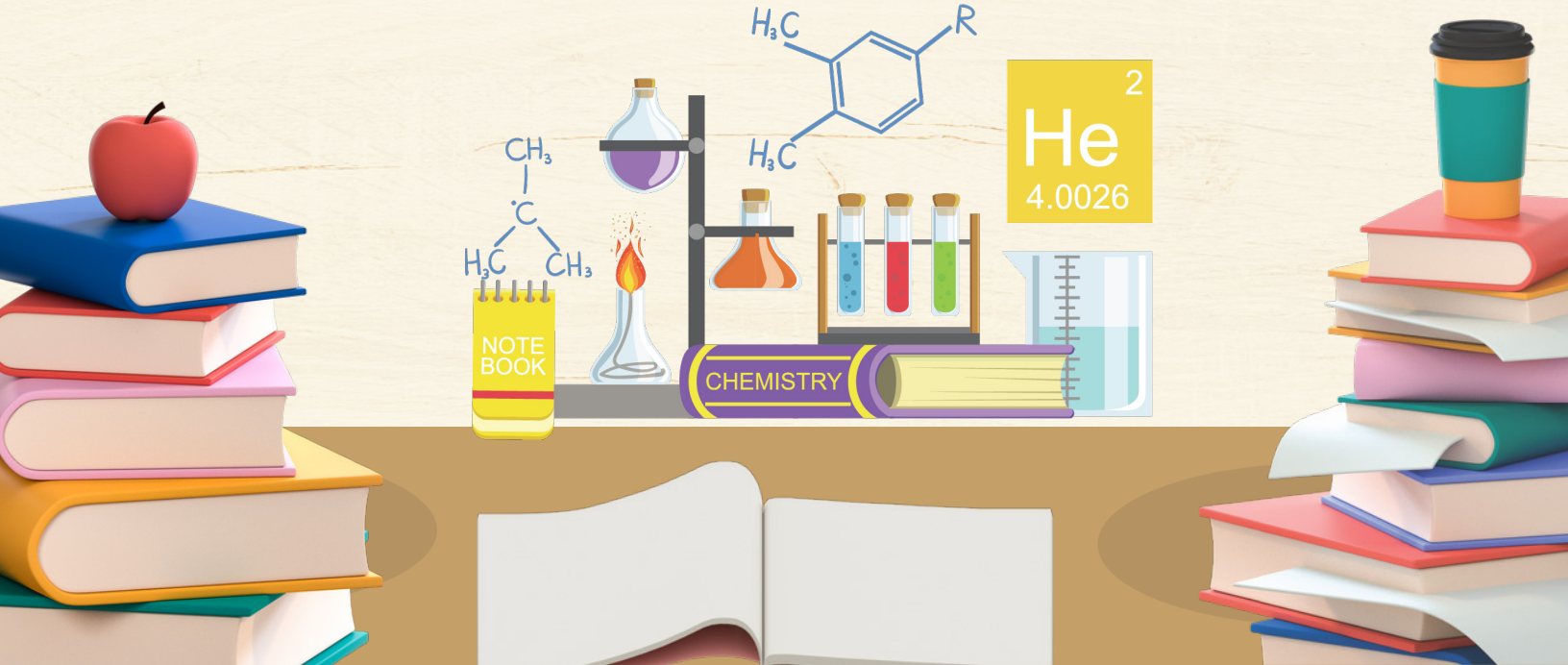
Back-to-School Resource Guide 2026-2027



GENERAL & SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCES

Early Start Overview for Parents
https://bit.ly/4vVpvp1

Child Find Fact Sheet
https://bit.ly/4ytbqkq

Back to School Support Guide
https://www.understood.org/en/topics/back-to-school

Back to School Resources from Autism Research Institute
https://autism.org/back-to-school-resources/

Benefits of Inclusive Classrooms
https://www.understood.org/en/articles/4-benefits-of-inclusive-classrooms

IEP Strategy – Understanding the Process So You Can Get What You Need
https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2024/08/IEP-STRATEGY-–-UNDERSTANDING.pdf

Inclusive Education – Advocating for the Least Restrictive Environment
https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2025/07/Inclusive-Education-Advocating-for-the-Least-Restrictive-Environment-Booklet.pdf

Making Inclusion a Reality
https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2024/08/Making-Inclusion-a-Reality-SCDD.pdf

New Pathway to a High School Diploma
https://undivided.io/resources/californias-new-pathway-to-a-high-school-diploma-for-students-with-intellectual-disabilities-1243

Parent Training & Information Centers
https://www.parentcenterhub.org/california/

Self-Advocacy
https://www.understood.org/en/articles/the-importance-of-self-advocacy

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SMART IEP Goals
https://www.understood.org/en/articles/how-to-tell-if-your-childs-iep-goals-are-smart

Special Education Advocacy Tips
https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/publications/17-special-education-advocacy-tips

Special Education Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund
https://dredf.org/special-education/

Special Education Rights & Responsibilities Manual (SERR)
https://serr.disabilityrightsca.org/

Supporting Innovative Practices
https://www.sipimpact.org/What-We-Do/Archived-Virtual-Events/ParentFamily-Engagement/

Transitioning to Adulthood
https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2024/07/Transition-new-format-English-v2.pdf

Transition and Adulthood: Resources for People with Disabilities and Their Families
https://www.php.com/cca-transition-and-adulthood/

SPECIAL EDUCATION PODCASTS

EdSource Podcast
https://edsource.org/podcast

Inclusive Education Project
https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/inclusive-education-project-iep-podcast/id1307157016

NavigateED Podcast Series
https://www.copaa.org/page/podcasts

Understood Explains
https://www.understood.org/en/podcasts/understood-explains-ieps

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HEALTH, SAFETY & WELLNESS

Active Shooter Guide for People with Disabilities Plain Language
https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2024/08/AS-Guide_ENG_2022-07_WEB.pdf

Behavior and Discipline Toolkit Disability Rights California
https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/resources/special-education/behavior-and-discipline-toolkit

Bilingual Bullying Resources
https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2024/08/Bilingual-Bullying-Resources-1.pdf

Developmental Milestones Ages 0-5
https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2024/08/ENG_Developmental-Milestones-Ages-0-5.pdf

Understanding Restraint and Seclusion in Schools
https://us2.campaign-archive.com/?u=d8372142072c8ce7f2e90e349&id=c7cfcdee6f

Enough is Enough
https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2024/08/Enough-is-Enough-Anti-Bullying-Strategies-2.pdf

Helping Children and Adolescents Cope with Traumatic Events
https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2024/08/ENG_helping-children-adolescents-cope-with-disasters-other-traumatic-events.pdf

Laws Around Bullying: https://www.understood.org/en/articles/bullying-laws

School Rights After a Disaster
https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/publications/school-rights-after-a-disaster

Together for Wellness: https://www.togetherca.org/m/tfw-2/56

Voice Options Program (Free Assistive Technology):
https://www.dor.ca.gov/Home/VoiceOptions

Youth Mental Health Resources (CalHSS): https://www.chhs.ca.gov/youthresources/

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