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## Ways to use Alexa to support at-home learning for students with special needs.

With **Alexa Blueprints and Routines**, parents and educators can help provide structure, help students manage their daily schedules and learn new skills while at home.

### 1 Assist with daily routines.

Parents, caretakers or support professionals can set up Alexa Routines through the Alexa app to help students with their daily tasks and manage their daily schedule. Alexa Routines can be customized by day of the week, time, and many other options.

### 2 Keep students on schedule and ready for their day.

Connecting an Alexa-enabled device to a Google, Microsoft, or Apple calendar allows students to always know their schedule and what they need to do in a given day. Using the Alexa Daily Briefing Blueprint, parents and educators can create a summary of what to expect for the current day.

*"Alexa, I'm done with breakfast."*



*"Alexa, what's on my calendar?"*



*"Alexa, I'm feeling frustrated."*



*"Alexa, open My Quiz."*



*"Alexa, open my Social Story."*

### 3 Support students' ability to regulate their emotions.

Alexa Routines can also be used to help with self-regulation. Breathing exercises, meditations, or playing calming music can be built into Alexa Routines by parents, educators and support professionals. If visual cues are required, the Amazon Echo Glow can provide slowly fading light, guiding students through the Alexa Routine and helping them move from an intense feeling to a calmer mood.

### 4 Get instructional support at home.

Using Alexa Blueprints, parents and educators can quickly build flashcards, quizzes, and other tools that can help students practice literacy skills or develop strategies to adjust behavior.

### 5 Help model good behavior with social stories.

With Alexa Blueprints, parents and educators can easily create Social Stories to help model new routines or good behaviors. A skill can be created for each social story, or a social story can be updated on a daily or weekly basis.