



How to Help Your Student Succeed with Virtual Schooling

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Here are some ideas for making sure your child is given the best possible virtual learning experience:

- **Set up a specific area that is for the student's school work time.** Having a dedicated area will help your child stay focused and feel special. Keep it off limits during non-school time so that your child will look forward to it every day. Make sure that it is well stocked with all the supplies they will need from paper and pencil to the computer, monitor, etc. Some kids love decorating their learning area with certificates from school, pennants, logos, etc. The learning area could be as simple as desk in the corner of a room or an entire office classroom.
- **Set realistic goals for success.** It is a myth that online schooling is easier than attending a traditional school. In fact, sometimes it can even be harder! But the appealing nature of online courses is what keeps many students interested and engaged. If your child has the impression that virtual schooling is going to be like a

vacation, it is a good idea to help them gain a more productive and realistic perspective.

- **Leave adequate time to complete lessons.** No one knows your child like you do! This includes understanding how much time your child requires to complete her work. One of the brilliant benefits of virtual schooling is allowing your child to progress at their own pace and in their own learning style. As you work with your child, you will discover their areas of strength and weaknesses and be able to adjust the learning scheduled accordingly.
- **Plan daily goals.** Work side-by-side with your child to set reasonable and attainable daily goals for school work. Rather than keeping goals in vague terms, set specific goals to build a sense of accomplishment in the student. For example, avoid saying, "let's do school work for two hours." Instead, set a specific goal: "complete your math lesson by 2 p.m."

Ultimately, the most important thing you can do to help your child succeed with any educational choice, but especially with online courses is to stay involved. Practice open and regular communication with your student, touching base often about specific goals and even thoughts and feelings about his or her virtual learning experience. When your child knows you are behind her 100%, even the most resistant and unsure virtual learner will begin to gain the confidence necessary to excel.

