

## Virtual Learning Parent Tips for Success!

During this time of uncertainty, your outlook towards virtual learning is the most important thing. Keep an open mind and a positive attitude and your student will do the same!

### **What is the Home Learning Balance?**

As students adapt to online learning, parents are creating an environment for their children to learn from home. Students typically go to school so they can put everything aside and focus on learning. As those lines blur, it is important to create guidelines for students to learn from home. A home-learning balance is simply drawing the line between what is learning time and home time.

### **Create a Designated Learning Space**

Wherever you decide to let your child set up shop, create a designated workspace at home. Associate that area with learning only for the time being. Consider adding items to the area that the student might need like a pencil case, calculator, and extra paper. Students should feel comfortable and have a sense of ownership to their home learning space.

Choose a designated learning space that allows your child to feel a sense of ownership and empowerment when they sit down to learn! When children go to school, we as parents are able to feel secure that they are being supervised. Same goes for your home. Now that our parent role has turned into a combination of parent and teacher, the responsibility lies on us to make sure they are engaged and learning. Once you choose your designated learning space, make sure your student feels comfortable learning there!

### **What You Will Need: Internet Access and Web Accessible Device**

Remote learning has one major requirement: internet access. If you do not have internet access, please make sure you communicate with your home school administrators to check out hotspots.

Each student will need access to a computer or laptop. If you need a device you can reach out to the school to check one out for use.

### **Parent Roles and Responsibilities**

**Minimize Distractions:** It is inevitable that your student will get distracted while at home. What we do as parents is prepare for distractions before they happen. Practice the “out of sight, out of mind” mentality. If your student is having trouble focusing due to other distractions in the house, try noise cancelling headphones or moving their learning space to a quieter area. Take it day by day, if something isn’t working, try something new!

**Set a Schedule:** Students are used to being on school schedules so try to keep their schedule the same at home! There are pillars in the school day that you can mimic at home. Things like start-time, lunch, recess, and end times are good starting points for setting a schedule. Talk with your teacher about learning times and how they typically set the student’s day. Having consistency in the schedule will instill your student with a sense of comfort. Let them know that this is how it is going to be for a little while but learning at home can be just as fun as learning in school!

**Communicate:** Communication is key when it comes to remote learning. Make sure to keep open lines of communication with both your child and their teacher. Try keeping open lines of communication with your students' teachers and give them feedback.

**Check-In:** Actively check-in with your child on their progress both educationally and mentally. This can be a difficult scenario for students who are used to being in social settings. Make sure that your student feels empowered and comfortable at all times. See how their day is going and help them keep on track with their assignments! Most teachers will give you a due date schedule to manage at home assignments. If your student is falling behind or struggling, make sure to keep open lines of communication with your teacher and administrator – you are all on the same team!