

Introduction to Online Learning

Effective Learning Spaces

When schooling at home, think about a classroom structure that would aid in a positive and productive learning process. The best classrooms emphasize education and minimize distraction. You can do that in some simple ways. Here are some tips to consider as you set up your new learning space.

Dedicate a Space

Have one full-time dedicated space for learning and school. This helps to set routines and expectations for what school will look like. You do not need an entire room dedicated to learning. Some students use a section of a room or even an armoire that closes up at the end of the day. The important part is to make room for learning.

Minimize Distraction

School requires a lot of attention. Distractions can make it challenging to focus, and lead to procrastination or getting behind. Look for potential distractions in your learning environment and remove them when school is in session. Brain breaks are a good idea, but we encourage students to find break opportunities away from the dedicated schooling area.

Organize the Area

One of the easiest ways to organize school work is with color coding, or even simply having folders for every subject. You may choose green for science, blue for math, and so on. Some families use bins, labels, shelves, bookcases, and other tools to organize their areas. This makes materials easy to find, as long as they are put back at the end of every learning day.

Create Calendars, Schedules, and To-Do Lists

Thinking through the structure of your days helps you prepare and have a solid plan for your days schooling at home. Create and post the daily school schedule. Then, plan the week, including any activities that cannot be moved. A routine, daily to-do list will help you get the necessary tasks accomplished each day.