Online & Remote Learning for K-12 Parents

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What parents need to know

– Partner with the school
  • Teachers
  • Counselors
  • Administrators

– Remote learning
  • Better?
  • The same?
  • Different!
  • Is not one-size fits all!
2020 Terms to Know

- Asynchronous
- Synchronous
- Guided Learning
- Remote Learning
7 Best ways to achieve remote learning

- Start slowly and develop good habits
- Establish a regular routine
- Don’t try to emulate a “regular” school day
- Be consistent
- Choose activities outside of school time wisely
- Minimize distractions
- Collaborate with other families
1. Start slowly and develop good habits
Read books

- Students may understand and retain more when they read books rather than screens.
- Some schools can ship books to families, or arrange for them to pick them up in person.
- Check with your local library for more books on subjects your child is interested in.
Some young children are able to learn words better when they write them than typing them.

Older students who take notes by hand may retain more information.

Follow the advice of the teacher.
2. Establish a regular routine
Structure and Space

- Work space in the main family area
  - Desk/table
  - Cubbies for supplies that are only used for school

- No working in the child’s rooms (distractions)

- Whiteboard (poster board) Chalkboard from the kitchen with a daily schedule (around your family and Zoom sessions)

- Older kids should help build the schedule
3. Don’t try to emulate a “regular” school day
Motivating your student

- Build in celebrations for projects done well.
  - Extra game time if a project is finished by a specific due date/time
  - Watch a favorite TV show at lunch time

- Motivate Learning
  - Exploring
  - Building
Engage in hands-on math lessons

- Real-world Math applications.
  - measure a room to determine the square footage.
  - how to make a double batch of a cookie recipe that calls for 1 and \( \frac{3}{4} \) cups of sugar.
  - Assign older students more complex questions.
4. Be consistent
Structure and Children

- Not all children should always be on the same schedule
- High school age may have weekly learning activities and goals instead of daily goals
- Discuss consequences for not doing the work (failed test, C on a paper)
5. Choose activities outside of school time wisely
Making learning fun

- Build in personal time.
- Time for exercise and movement
- Allow kids to find other avenues to build on lessons.
Do artwork

- If parents cannot provide supplies such as paints or paper, they can usually make arrangements to pick up other resources periodically at school.
- Use whatever is at hand, does not need to be expensive.
Science Experiments at home

- Kitchen chemistry ideas
  - https://www.thoughtco.com/kitchen-science-experiments-for-kids-604169

- Biology ideas
  - https://www.woojr.com/6-easy-biology-science-experiments-kids/

- General Science ideas
  - https://www.pinterest.com/americanboard/6-12-general-science/
Get outdoors

• Encourage physical movement

- Hands-on observations in nature
6. Minimize distractions
Structure and Time/Devices

- School time is school time
- No computers/phones during school time that are being used for something other than school
  - No gaming
  - No shopping
  - No visiting with friends (unless it is part of school time)
7. Collaborate with other families
Pandemic Learning Pods
Yes or No?

More Resources for Parents

- 4 tips for teacher-family communication this school year
- Distance Learning Resource Center
- Parents' Guide to Zoom
- Remote Learning Resources for Parents
- Using Zoom for Students and Families
Thank you

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