



How to Support Your Student's Learning from Home



Learning Coach & Student Contract

1. Help Your Child Build a Schedule

Students in a Virtual setting, with the support of their Learning Coach, need to create their own routines and effectively manage their time in order to stay on track. Following a specific daily schedule is key. Post daily schedules in your student's designated work space so that it helps in the process of establishing a daily routine. Let your child know they are operating on school time, which could mean getting dressed, eating breakfast and deciding on what to pack for lunch.

2. Model Hard Work and Persistence

Demonstrating your own hard work and motivation, will help your child take a similar approach. Help your student develop resiliency, as well as a positive attitude when tackling a tough assignment or Class project.

3. Independence

It is important for your child to work independently and to complete his or her own assignments and allow your child to make their own mistakes. As a learning coach your primary role is to guide and support your child as they learn how to become virtual learners. Please check with your teacher on specifics pertaining to participation and guidance with lessons.

4. Remember the Basic Rules

Remember Virtual Learning is an extension of the classroom. There are multiple children and parents at times participating in live lessons. Please be courteous to your classmates. Any inappropriate actions or language will be immediately addressed and your child will be removed from the live session.

- No eating/drinking during live lessons
- No toys, costumes, no distracting background screens
- No pictures or recording of live lessons
- Appropriate dress code applies while on camera
- Please do not walk or run with your iPad during live lessons
- Try to maintain quiet, limit background noise (i.e. TV or another sibling participating in a WebEx nearby)

Consequences:

There are lessons to be taught and content to be learned. Not adhering to the rules provided will result in the following consequences:

- If your student is not engaged in learning, he or she will first receive a verbal warning from the teacher.
- If your student is not engaged for a second time or their behavior is disruptive to others you will be contacted by guidance and/or Mrs. DeRenzo and Dr. Kucharczuk by phone.
- If an incident occurs a third time, the student will be asked to leave the live synchronous Webex session for the remainder of the day. A conversation will be held between the Principal, student, parent and teacher to discuss the situation.
- If an incident occurs a fourth time, there will be a meeting to discuss the most appropriate placement for your student's instruction.

5. Set Up a Designated or Specific Learning Space

Developing a designated workspace for your child to complete assignments will make a huge difference in their ability to focus. It will create a mindset for your child that this is where they will be doing their structured learning. Think about what works best for your child's personality and needs. Consider the following:

- Quiet, calm environment
- Desk or kitchen table for interaction & accountability
- Easy access to materials & supplies
- Avoid the use of a comfortable chair or sofa
- Please do not allow students to sit or lay on their bed during live instruction

6. Familiarize Yourself with the Virtual Learning Platforms & Apps

Explore any orientation resources provided for your student concerning Webex, Google Classroom, as well as educational apps such as IXL, RAZ Kids, etc. Please make sure you and your child are comfortable with navigating and completing basic tasks such as submitting assignments and checking grades. Be sure to include time on communication pieces such as Webex, Google Classroom, Class Dojo and basic email.

7. Build a Relationship with your Child's Teacher

Our WAVE teachers are dedicated professionals who want to build strong relationships with your student(s). They are here as primary teammates supporting your child through his or her online learning. Remember to be proactive and if you have a question or if you are having difficulties with something, please do not hesitate to reach out.

*By signing this document, you as the student are agreeing to the above rules and guidelines.

Print Name:

Grade Level: _____

*By signing this document, you as the learning coach/parent are agreeing to the above rules and guidelines.

Signature:

Date: _____

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