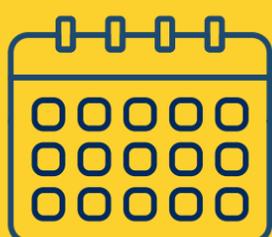




SUCCESSFUL ONLINE LEARNING STRATEGIES



Create a plan of study/schedule

Use the support of your mentor to ensure you are maintaining the schedule you created. If life changes occur that require a new schedule, communicate that to your mentor and develop a new plan of action.



Reach out to our support system

It is important to maintain a high level of self-motivation when doing online courses. It is also important to reach out to your parents, mentor, teacher, family, etc. when you are not feeling motivated. They can provide support and encouragement and help break down any barriers to your success.



Create a study space

Here are several ways at no cost to you to create a fun, comfortable study space. We know finding space can be tricky. Choosing a consistent location for your school work will help you to stay organized and focused.



Use noise cancelling headphones

This is especially important in a shared space where you may feel distracted. Click here to see how you can earn these at no cost to you through MIPS. We know everyone does not have access to these and we love rewarding students!



Eliminate Distractions

You will want to create an environment where you have the least amount of distractions possible. Cell phones and social media can be a big distraction.

- Avoid high traffic areas such as the kitchen or living room
- Think about lighting. Natural lighting can make a difference in your mood and level of motivation. Possibly move your desk next to a window.
- **Let us help!** Explain the layout of your home and we can guide you in choosing a space best-suited for school work.



Avoid Multi-tasking

- Set a timer for 25 minutes and work uninterrupted for the allotted period
- Take a five-minute break, take a short walk, or check in with a friend.
- Once you've completed this four times, we will reward you with longer 30-minute breaks, because we know how hard it can be to stay focused that long.



Actively participate in your courses.

- Do your best to maintain the pacing guide put forth by your teacher.
- Develop ongoing communication with your teachers to maintain communication and utilize their assistance.



Learn about all of your MIPS resources.

- Ask your mentor questions about setting up tutoring and live lessons.