



HOW TO BE A SUCCESSFUL ONLINE STUDENT

STEP 1

Be self-motivated and self-disciplined.

Freedom and flexibility requires responsibility. You should take ownership of the learning process and stay organized and on task. Successful online students are independent!

STEP 2

Ask for help when necessary.

Many of the nonverbal cues that instructors use in a physical classroom are not visible in an online class. If you have issues with the technology or the course content, you must communicate this concern immediately.

STEP 3

Read and write at grade level, and communicate effectively through writing.

In a virtual classroom, most communication is written, so it is critical that you feel comfortable expressing yourself in writing. In addition, you should be able to comprehend grade-level content materials.

STEP 4

Meet the requirements of the program.

Online courses are flexible and convenient—but that does not mean they are easy. Online courses offer the same content and rigor as courses in a physical classroom setting.

STEP 5

Have regular, daily access to a computer with internet connectivity.

The online course and its activities and assessments are all accessed and completed via the internet. Therefore, you must have access to a reliable internet connection throughout the academic year. Basic computer skills are essential.