

Five Tips for Students Using Online Video Learning

1. Be on time and ready to learn.

Your teacher doesn't like it when you're tardy in the face-to-face classroom. The online video classroom is no different. If your teacher has something scheduled for a particular time, show up a few minutes early just in case there are unexpected problems.

2. Participate. Ask questions.

Be an active listener. Your teacher should make ways for everyone to participate in learning. You get out what you put in. If you don't understand something, virtually raise your hand or type in the chat that you need another explanation.

3. Keep your microphone muted (and camera off).

You might have brothers and sisters in the house that make noise, or pets that aren't used to having you home during the day. Nobody else needs to listen to them. Even better, find a quiet spot to participate in the online class. Mute your microphone when you don't need to be speaking. You can also leave your camera off unless you're speaking to the class.

4. Be respectful.

Chatting with each other is great if you are on topic and working on class information. Chatting with off-topic information distracts everyone. Tampering with another person's video or audio is also bad form. Follow your teacher's expectations on how to interact.

5. Do the work.

You're doing online learning so you can continue your education even though school is not meeting face-to-face. Make your teacher's effort worth it.

