



ONLINE TOOLS & RESOURCES FOR VIRTUAL LEARNING

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TOPIC OUTLINE

- **What is virtual learning and what are some of the advantages of it?**
- **Online resources/tools for virtual learning**
- **Tips to stay organized, focused, and be successful with this new learning format.**

What is virtual learning?

- learning that occurs outside of the traditional classroom and uses online resources to teach students
- learning environment in which most communication occurs through email, messaging services (Remind), and video calls (Zoom)
- aka eLearning or Digital Learning

ADVANTAGES

Access to course work from anywhere at anytime

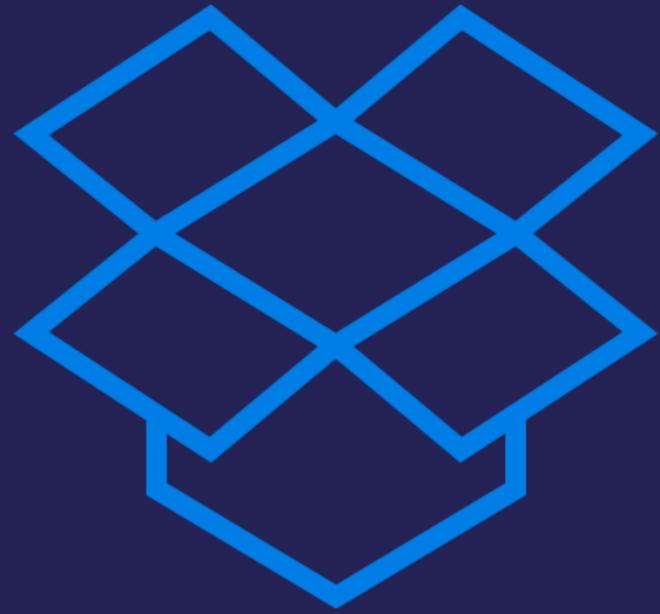
Combination of structure and freedom

Allows you to manage your time more effectively

Improved digital skills

How To Stay Organized





Keep your school work organized in one place.

Tools like DropBox and OneDrive help you keep all your documents and school files organized like a virtual binder.



You can use the browser version of these apps or you can download them to your computer so that your work automatically saves.



Note Taking



You can try to keep things consistent and continue taking physical notes on paper.

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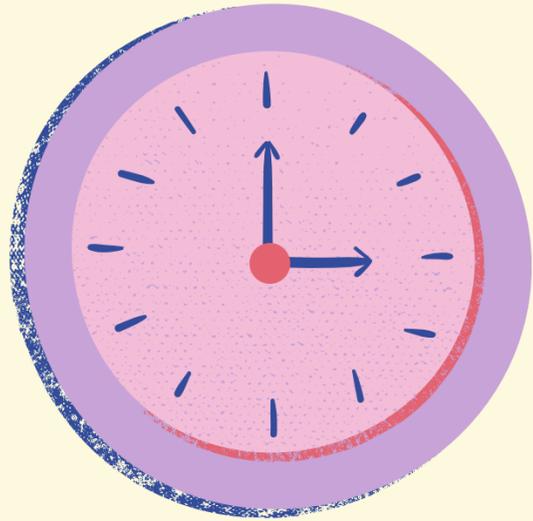


You can switch things up and start taking notes on Word or Google Docs. OneNote and EverNote are also great tools for digital notes!



Keep in mind, when you go back to school, you may not be able to use your laptop to take notes and even in college some professors don't allow them in class.





Manage Your Time Wisely

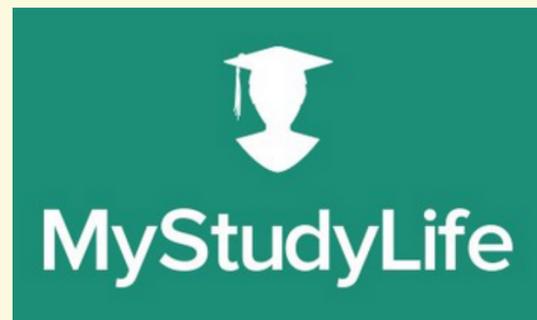
It is more important now than ever to organize your time and keep track of daily tasks.



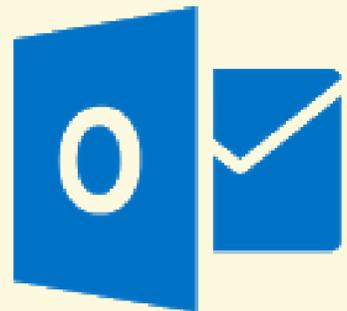
- Use a physical planner, agenda, calendar, etc.

OR

- Use a digital planner such as: Google Calendar, Outlook Calendar, or apps like MyStudyLife which help you keep track of upcoming deadlines.



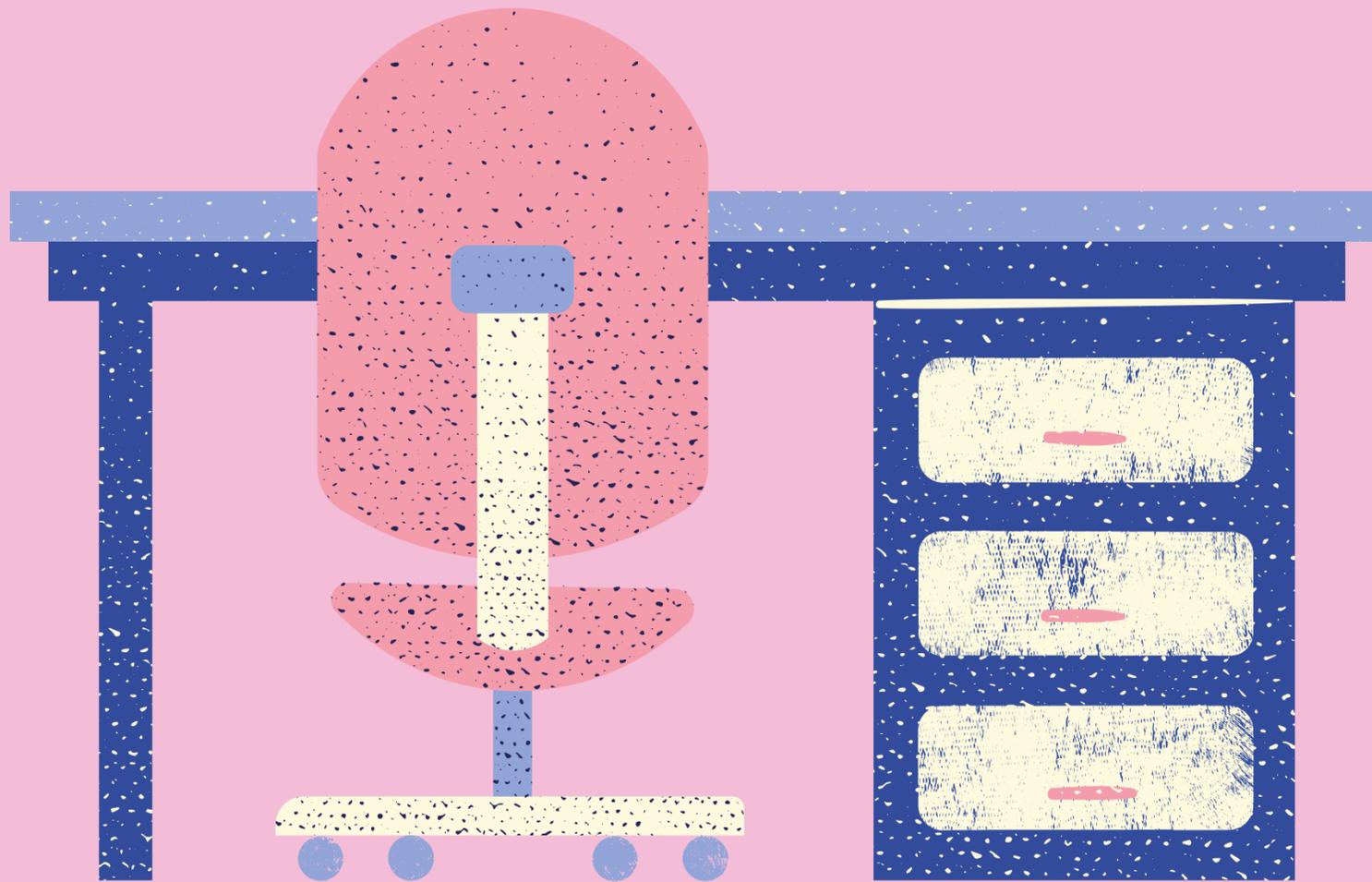
It might be helpful to fill out everything you need to do for the week ahead of time. Split the workload among each day and be reasonable about it.



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**TIPS TO
HELP YOU BE
SUCCESSFUL WITH
ONLINE LEARNING**

CREATE A QUIET WORKING SPACE FOR YOURSELF.



This doesn't mean you need you to have an entire room and desk for yourself.

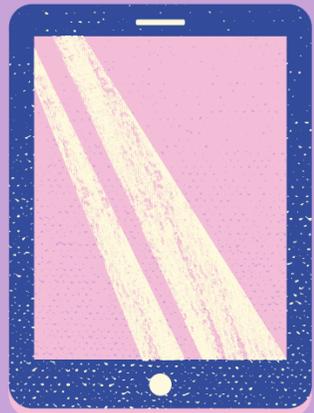
- It can be as simple as putting on some headphones or earplugs while you are doing your work.
- If you have a busy household, doing your work during the day might not be possible. Try working on it early in the morning or while everyone is asleep.
- Do your work outside in your front/back yard if you have the space.
- Have a back up space. If all else fails, resort to non-traditional measures like working in your garage, in the car, in your bathroom, closet, etc.

It may seem silly, but finding what works best for you is what's most important.



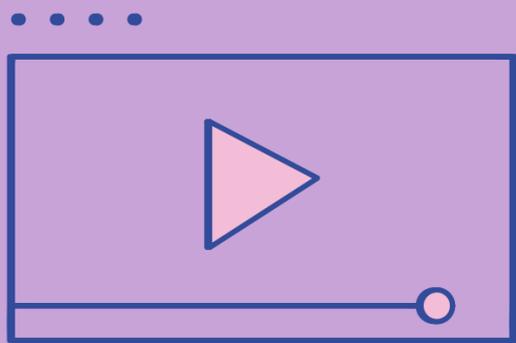
Find yourself a good study playlist!

Whether it's music that you enjoy listening to or soothing sounds like the rain/ocean waves, etc. research shows that this can help you relax and maintain focus while studying.



Limit your screen time

With this new learning format, you are required to spend more and more time in front of your laptop or phone. This can be tiresome, so it's important to limit your time on it to avoid burnout and fatigue.



Maintain interaction with classmates.

It's important to lean on your classmates for support and help each other through this transition. Utilize platforms like Zoom, Skype, or Google Hangouts to videochat with your friends whether it's to study/discuss school work, or to casually hang out and destress.



Take accountability.

While this new learning format may feel like doing work is optional, it's important to continue holding yourself accountable and following through with your responsibilities. This is great practice for those of you are about to enter college!



Be patient with yourself

This is a learning process for everyone. We are all adjusting and learning by trial and error. It might not be easy at first, but your teachers and advisors are here to support you.



Be open and willing to communicate.

If you are struggling with the transition to online learning, reach out to your support system (teacher, advisor, etc.) for help. Two-way communication is important now more than ever, so make sure to do your part.



QUESTIONS?