



# Making Virtual Learning Work Best For Your Child

As Portsmouth Public Schools will be using virtual learning for reopening schools, families have questions about how they can partner in and support this work at home while also balancing other daily needs and obligations. To help in this effort, PPS has compiled this list of best practices and helpful tips to make this school year as successful as possible.



- Have a dedicated, distraction-free space in your home for your child to access instruction each day.
- Create a schedule that works for your family and try to keep to it each day. Students thrive on consistency and predictability in their day-to-day work. As a reminder, attendance during virtual learning sessions will still be taken, and students will be held accountable for class time missed.
- Make sure your child has eaten before the start of the online school. Studies have shown students focus better when not on an empty stomach.
- Even though students will be signing in from home, make sure your child is dressed appropriately and ready for their online class start times.
- Remind your child that the same expectations for his/her behavior are in place when they are live in virtual classrooms as when they are in school.
- Review classwork/homework assignments with your child, when possible. All assignments will be graded in accordance with the division's grading policy.
- Make note of your child's teachers' office hours during the day. This is when they are available for emails or phone calls if your child is struggling with a specific concept or lesson.
- If you/your child is having connectivity issues or other issues with the division-issued device, reach out to your school immediately to receive support from the division's Technology Department.
- Keep an open dialogue with your child's teachers and principal. Give feedback on what is working and what needs more support. Continued improvement will help make this new learning model successful.

