

Parent Tips for 1:1 Computing at Home

Each student having their own dedicated computer both at school and at home is a change that adults have to help a child manage. Here are some tips and ideas that can help parents with this change to create effective learning time and space at home while online.

- The Parent is in Charge
 - Set rules and expectations for computer use at home.
 - Expect that screens will be open where you can see them.
 - Designate times and locations in the house for computer use.
 - Require work to be done in an area where you can check in on your student's progress.
 - Create times when the device can only be used for school work and if, or when, it can be used for recreational activities.
- Talk to your Child
 - About what they are doing online and have them show you what they do and where they go online.
 - Ask them to show you how they use the computer for school work and for fun.
 - Talk about social boundaries and sharing too much information online.
 - Set expectations for appropriate use and the types of websites and social networks that are appropriate for use at home.
- Communicate with the Teacher
 - If you are concerned if your child is accurately reporting what they need to use the computer for at home or about anything related to classroom activities.
 - Keep a line of communication open where you can ask questions or share concerns.
 - Stay current with your child's school progress and assignment completion.
- Consider the "Paper Equivalent" in Difficult Computing Situations
 - How would you handle the off-task or inappropriate activity if it happened with pencil and paper instead of on a computer?
 - What were my expectations around technology and computing, and do they mirror those expectations for respect and proper behavior at home?
 - Often the solution for "digital problems" are the same as it was for a similar "analog problem" or on paper.
- Determine Consequences for Inappropriate Behavior
 - Discuss inappropriate behavior.
 - Hold your child accountable for poor decisions.
 - Limit recreational computer and/or phone time.
 - Have them turn over their devices or reset wireless passwords at home until inappropriate behaviors change.
- Using Internet Filters at Home
 - Teaching appropriate use is more important than filtering.
 - The most important step you can take is establishing expectations around appropriate use on the web and help your child develop an internal filter.
 - If you need to restrict Internet use at home there are several ways to filter your Internet [such as OpenDNS](#).

