

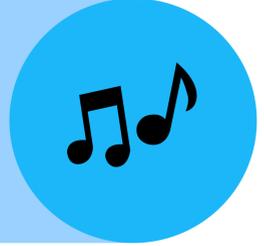
# ICS Best Practices: eLearning Tips & Tools

The "ICS Best Practices: eLearning Tips & Tools" resource is part of the **2020-2021 ICS eLearning Toolkit** and is designed to support parents, guardians and learning coaches with students enrolled in the hybrid and full-time virtual academic environments. These practical and lived recommendations are reflective of feedback provided on the recent Title 1 Grant Fund Ideas Survey.



## Positive, Calming Physical Learning Environment

Creating a positive, calming and creative student work space supports student engagement and positive energy levels. Considerations in creating this environment include soft lighting, dedicated workspace, live houseplants, and easy access to school supplies and technology.



## Designated Student Work Space

Allocating a dedicated workspace for students is critical to your child's success. The space should be free from as many distractions as possible. Engage your student in determining the best location in the house conducive to effective, uninterrupted learning.

## Engage Technology, Learning Apps & EduKits

Take some time to get to know about the school's various learning platforms. Proactively exploring the student and parent portals will ensure comfort in navigating content and completing basic tasks like submitting assignments and checking grades. Be sure to fully understand the student/teacher communication portals, and don't forget to check out the school supplies in the student EduKits.

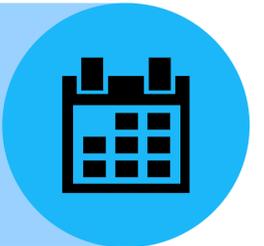


## Review of Student Agenda

Review your student's agenda at the beginning of the day or week. Partner with your student to create attainable academic goals and expectations that are in line with the teacher's requirements.

## Consistent Daily Schedule

Structuring a manageable daily schedule can help students stay motivated and engaged. Depending on the student's grade, the daily virtual schedule may be based on a typical school day and include brain breaks, virtual class time, lunch, recess, or classwork check-ins.

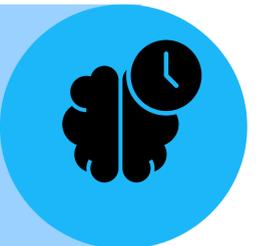


## Engage in Communication Channels

Purposeful engagement in building- and corporate-level communication channels creates opportunity for parents, guardians or learning coaches to understand how the daily student work is supported through school wide news, events and initiatives. These communication channels can include social media, digital newsletters and text reminders.

## Planned Brain Breaks

Brain breaks are planned learning activity shifts that look different based on the student's grade level. These shifts allow the brain to rest, restoring a calm focus and positive mood. Brain break activities might include meditation, physical exercise, listening to music or drawing.



## Online Peer Collaboration

Online peer collaboration can be beneficial for students who are feeling disconnected, struggling academically, or looking for a social outlet. Students can assist each other with basic device questions, work on group projects, or join in on a school-sponsored club activity. Depending on the student's age, parents can facilitate or encourage this opportunity in partnership with their student.

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