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# Steps to make remote learning successful

## TAKING REMOTE LEARNING TOWARDS SUCCESS

Progressions in technology have provided us with great ease to deal with the unexpected closures of school. Remote or distant learning is one of the ways to handle this challenge. It will allow both students and instructors to remain in touch and connected while working remotely from home.

Many schools are adopting remote, or e-learning approaches as an alternative to closing schools.

But we should also be aware of the expected challenges that might occur while setting up the remote learning program. Implementing e-learning demands a little effort to make it successful.

## CHALLENGES OF REMOTE LEARNING:

Before telling how you can make remote learning successful. Let's talk about challenges first that you might face in remote learning.

Below are some of the problems or challenges that you will need to tackle in order to make your e-learning successful.

- Accommodating students who don't have any access to digital resources.
- Some students or even teachers don't possess considerable knowledge regarding digital media.
- User-hostile tools are difficult to handle. They can be a cause of confusion and waste of time.
- Engaging students in online classes can be difficult.
- Maintaining discipline is another issue.

These are some of the issues that you might face. Below we are going to provide the solutions to these issues and making remote learning successful



## STEPS TO MAKE REMOTE LEARNING FRUITFUL:

Thinking about something is quite an easy task. However, to turn your thoughts into reality is a challenging and difficult job. You come to know about its hurdles, challenges or problems which otherwise you can't guess unless you implement it practically. Proper planning and arrangement are the foremost vital elements to make your e-learning program effective.

### ASK FOR SUPPORT OR FEEDBACK:

- ✓ The first step to make remote learning successful is to ask for support from established schools, colleges and universities. You should inform them about your thoughts and ideas in order to get a response or assistance. Taking feedback about your remote learning approach from parents, students, and other staff members will be an excellent idea to make it successful. It will help to gain insight into what parents, students or instructors expected of this program.

### OVERCOMING CHALLENGE OF HAVING ACCESS TO DIGITAL SOURCES BY ALL:

- ✓ One of the main problems faced while implementing remote learning is to make digital tools accessible or available to all students. Some students may not possess a computer or smartphone device at home. They might belong to underprivileged areas where they might not have internet connection available. To make remote learning successful, ensure that all students have access to digital tools and the internet. If a student doesn't possess a laptop, mobile devices or tablets can be used as an alternative.

### SET UP A SCHOOL TIME SCHEDULE:

- ✓ To make remote learning fruitful, set up a school schedule. It should be treated as a standard routine. Start, break and leaving time should be specified and strictly followed. Set equal time for each subject. It will help to maintain a decorum of the school and keep students on track.

### MAKE A PROPER CURRICULUM:

- ✓ Setting up a proper curriculum including all the courses, assignments, activities, quizzes and presentation will provide a great benefit to the students.

### MAKE USE OF ALL THE DIGITAL TOOLS:

- ✓ Using appropriate communication tools for e-learning can create a huge difference in engaging students as well as making the sessions interactive. Platforms selected for e-learning should be user friendly and fully functional. The following are some of the digital tools that schools, colleges or universities can use that are available within the AXLe virtual classroom:

#### ● SURVEYS:

Instructors can use surveys to get feedback from students. It will also aid in keeping up the morale of students. It can be used to access guidelines, or to receive immediate feedback from students as well as their parents.

#### ● VIDEO RECORDING:

Recorded sessions become an invaluable tool when a student is absent from class due to an emergency, illness, or extracurricular activities. If a student is unable to attend class in person on the day of an important lecture, they can retrieve the information later when they have the time to devote their attention to it

#### ● DIGITAL ACTIVITIES:

Instructors can use a variety of digital activities available on the internet to enhance critical thinking and a better understanding of students. Puzzles, educational games, simulation activities, and other digital games can be used.

## ✓ KEEP STUDENTS ENGAGED:

Here are several ways to increase classroom participation;

- Make students curious before class by leaving questions via discussion boards, messages or emails.
- Encourage student's Involvement
- Use multiple communication tools
- Use of Humor
- Make classrooms visually alluring

## ✓ GET PARENTS INVOLVED:

As remote learning is a new concept for many parents; they might have some concerns. Instructors should also communicate with parents to answer their concerns and to clear their confusions. Make sure that you are present if they need any type of assistance, so that they can play a role in active learning of their child. Share your expectations regarding remote education so they can contribute to the performance of their children.

## ✓ MAINTAIN DISCIPLINE:

To maintain discipline, here are some of the rules that can be implemented:

## ✓ ENSURE STRICT ADHERENCE TO GIVEN TASKS:

Instructors should ensure that all the students follow the deadlines and rules of assigned tasks. All the instructions, materials, deadlines should be given submitted via a common platform that is accessible to all the students.

## ✓ ASSIGN DOABLE ASSIGNMENTS:

Instructors should keep in mind that students are learning remotely; they might find it difficult to do tasks that are very difficult and requires expert help. Assignments that are given should be doable by students with little help. Availability of materials or resources should be ensured. Provide complete assistance if students find any problems while doing their assignment.

## ✓ ENSURE THE PRESENCE OF STUDENTS USING SUDDEN CHECK-IN:

Instructors can check-in at any time using video conferencing or messaging to make sure all students are present and attending your lecture. They can also ask questions relevant to the topic, in order to find out if they are focusing on the lesson or not.

## ✓ ARRANGE VIRTUAL PARENT -TEACHER MEETINGS:

Parents and teachers meeting will contribute in maintaining discipline and ensuring accountability. Teachers can convey their concerns to parents regarding their child or vice versa. Doing this will help to know what is the progress of the students, how well or bad they are performing in the class etc.

To conclude; it can be challenging to manage remote learning as it is new in concept for many educators. By practicing creative thinking and innovation, you can easily manage, thus making it fruitful. All the steps, as mentioned above if appropriately implemented, can bring success and triumph.



## CHECKLIST FOR PLANNING REMOTE LEARNING

- HAVE YOU RECEIVED INPUT AND APPROVAL FROM ALL STAKE HOLDERS?
- DO YOU HAVE A CLEAR PROCEDURAL PLAN?
- HAVE YOU MADE SURE THAT ALL STUDENTS AND INSTRUCTORS POSSESS DIGITAL ACCESS?
- HAVE YOU PROVIDED ACCESS OR CONCESSIONS TO STUDENTS WITHOUT DEVICES OR INTERNET ACCESS AT HOME?
- HAVE YOU PLANNED A PROPER OR SUITABLE CURRICULUM?
- HAVE YOU CONDUCTED A FIRST TRIAL RUN WITH EVERYONE INVOLVED?



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