

## Expectations of Parents

The education of children requires the active involvement of parents. In fact, educational research makes it clear that the number one factor leading to student success is parental involvement. This is true when students are taught in the traditional classroom setting and when they are in an eLearning environment. However, in the current state of technology and instruction, the educational demands on parents are higher and also, in some ways, different in an eLearning environment.

In order to make eLearning as successful as possible, parents are asked to:

- Help ensure that the technology their child is utilizing is working properly.
- See that the technology be used exclusively for educational purposes and, in the main, for work prescribed by their child's classroom teacher.
- Request hard-copy activities/lessons from the classroom teacher if internet/virtual access is not available through the family home.
- Provide their child a 'work setting' so that when the child moves to this location in the home, they understand that it is 'time for school.' Ideally, this can be a home office of sorts but, absent that, something as simple as a kitchen table, cleared of items for other uses, can suffice.
- Help their child understand the importance of school even during a time of physical school closure. eLearning time is simply another way to go to school; it is not summer vacation.
- Emphasize expectations for the child that he/she attend classroom meetings, work through virtual lessons, and complete and submit all learning activities and homework.
- Remind their child that help is available with content mastery, either from the parent or through contact with the classroom teacher.
- Collect and return assignments to their child's school or verify that such have been submitted through virtual means.
- Contact their child's teacher(s) with any concerns about academic progress, eLearning obstacles, or anything else relevant to their child's participation in eLearning.
- Verify that contact and other relevant information is up-to-date and accurate on Campus.