5 Tips For Successful Online Homeschooling

If you are choosing to supplement your homeschooling routine with online learning or are researching a fully online program for your child, you know that there are thousands of options available. Every day online learning continues to grow with more interesting, varied, and simply more fun technologies than ever. But why should you consider online learning and how can you make it a success? And how do you know which program is right for your child?

Follow these simple tips to ensure your online homeschool adventure is successful while keeping your unique child engaged and eager to learn.

1 **Find the right fit.** While thinking of the perfect online program, remember that it needs to fit your child's learning style, interests, and needs. Incorporating your child's learning style is critical and will help guide you to find the right online learning program. For example, if your child is a kinesthetic learner, this could mean using hands-on manipulatives during math or project-based assessments for social studies. If you're not sure what your child's learning style is, take this learning style assessment.

You should also receive a full placement assessment to make sure your child is given the right courses. Make sure that the program you choose has a proven success rate and is high quality including video lessons, note-taking guides, and immediate feedback and assessments.

2 **Accreditation matters.** Make sure your online homeschool program is accredited! With accreditation, you can be sure that your homeschool partner is backing up what they claim because they've proven it to an outside party whose sole job is to make sure the homeschooling partner is meeting standards and fulfilling their promises. And that means you'll get exactly what you expect, and exactly what you've paid for. You can find out more about how important accreditation is here.

3 **Put learning into action.** Let's face it, nothing kills excitement and crushes inspiration like boredom. Encourage breaks from online learning using outings, textbooks, and hands-on projects to keep your child engaged and thriving.

A good online program will use a varied mix of media to keep your student engaged and ready to learn. Look for a program that includes video lessons, online quizzes and tests, project based learning, and note-taking guides and that encourages movement and active learning. Changing up how your child learns also encourages natural breaks and gives you time to assess how they're doing. If the online program you're using doesn't allow for work away from a computer, it's time to make a change.

4 **Set the schedule that works for you.** The internet is everywhere and 24-7, so why can't you do school anywhere and anytime you need to? The truth is, with some programs you can't. Many online programs will require you to login at certain times, log certain hours, and follow a traditional school calendar. Don't limit yourself or your child in this way; you have options!

The best online program for your child is one that is ready and waiting for them when they are ready to learn. No required class times, no logging hours, no September-May schedule. Seek out a provider that gives you the flexibility needed to make online learning and after school life work together successfully. Find out more about flexible homeschooling here.

5 **Find accountability and support.** The most successful online programs will ensure your child is meeting requirements with accurate and real-time reporting, and it should provide you with help around the clock. This means you can login to and view your child's progress at any time or speak with someone to get your questions answered, giving you the confidence and knowledge that your child is progressing. Evaluating progress regularly is key to ensuring that your online program is meeting your child's needs and that your child is mastering the concepts.

A good online program will also provide a high level of support via an online advisor or tutor. Many online programs require you to "go it alone," leaving the bulk of the responsibility and pressure on your shoulders. But, there are alternatives! The best online programs include a live person willing to answer your questions and make sure your child reaches their full potential. Don't settle for less! Find an accredited online program that supports your child.

Your child deserves every opportunity to succeed in online learning. From immediate feedback to colorful lessons and videos that keep your child engaged, online learning can create the environment your child needs to reach their full academic potential. Contact us anytime to learn more about the best online homeschooling has to offer.

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