

Online Learning Expectations and Tips for Success in Online MDLP Courses

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Online learning requires the following:

- ❖ **Easy access to a computer** with an Internet connection
- ❖ **Good reading comprehension skills:** Online courses require more reading than traditional face-to-face courses.
- ❖ **Good written communication skills:** Students will be required to share personal experiences on a bulletin board/online forum regularly.
- ❖ **Self-Discipline:** The student needs to keep up with the pace of the course, stay on task, and resist distractions such as TV, YouTube, telephone, texting, etc.
- ❖ **Self-motivation:** The student must be able to work without the need for someone to monitor their daily progress. Procrastination is dangerous. It is hard to catch up on an online course once you get behind.
- ❖ **At least one hour per day to spend on the course:** Online learning is often more difficult than attending a face-to-face class in a traditional setting.
- ❖ **Self-Advocating:** Students need to be able to seek out the help they may need through email, phone, etc.

Tips:

- ❖ **Identify a place to work quietly without distractions:** Find a spot away from TV and other distractions where you can focus on your work.
- ❖ **Create a schedule and stick with it:** Log on frequently and budget your time so you have adequate time to complete your assignments
- ❖ **Stay organized:** Keep a folder on your computer of all your documents and assignments. Always have a backup of work you have submitted.
- ❖ **Be actively engaged with your teacher:** Ask questions, respond to feedback and ask for help when you need it.
- ❖ **Talk to your parents:** Let them know how you are doing and what you are learning.
- ❖ **Talk to your school counselor:** Keep them informed of your progress and where you may need help.
- ❖ **Stay motivated:** Keep working – track your progress in the course and set mini-goals along the way.
- ❖ **Check out the New Student Orientation Information:** <http://www.mdlp.org/tuhsd/index.php?page=orientation>

MDLP Support Information

- ❖ **To login to your course:** <http://www.mdlp.org/tuhsd/>
 - **Students** - Use your TUHSD student ID# and the MDLP password emailed to you.
 - **Parents** – Use your student’s TUHSD student ID# and the MDLP password emailed to you to check your student’s progress in their course.
- ❖ **Technical Support:** 480-472-0899, Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- ❖ **After Hours and Weekend Support:** please complete a support form at <https://www.mdlp.org/support/>