

# Being Successful in eLearning

## *Strategies for eLearning Students*

### Expectations



Familiarize yourself with online learning practices and expectations of both your teacher and yourself.

Determine how often your teacher expects you to be accessing the course and communicating with them.

Find an appropriate space to complete your work. This should be an area and time where you can minimize distractions and have the resources required to be successful.

Try to be consistent in your schedule for when you are working on your course. This will help to develop a good routine so you don't fall behind.

### Communication



Determine how your teacher wants you to communicate with them. This may include D2L email, a school email, virtual meetings, chat or alternate software platforms. Don't assume the method of communication will be the same method as a previous teacher.

If you have a question be sure to reach out to your teacher.

Participate in discussions (forums or virtual) and try to ensure you are providing original and critical thought. Don't just regurgitate, or just agree with what someone else has already written.

If not already indicated by the teacher, ask if there is an expectation of formatting in discussion groups. Eg. Are abbreviations and emojis allowed in discussion or is a professional writing format expected.

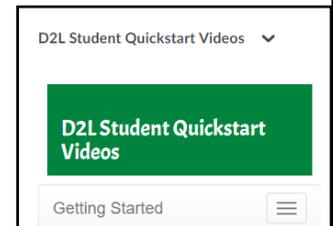
# Technology



While access and completion of some material is often doable on a phone, a chromebook, tablet or laptop are recommended for larger activities.

Familiarize yourself with D2L and any other platforms teachers are utilizing. Ensure that you know how to submit an assignment, access quizzes, participate in a discussion.

If you are not sure how to do something be sure to look in the student quick start videos on the main D2L page or ask your teacher for help.



If possible, D2L should be opened using the **Chrome** browser which will maximize the functionality of D2L and the content.

# Submissions



Check to see where your teacher wants submissions made (Dropbox, Google share, etc.) and if there are any format or program specifications they are expecting.

As a general rule work should not be e-mailed to your teacher unless they have indicated that as a method of submission.

# Due Dates and Pacing



Use the calendar in D2L or the Pulse app to keep track of upcoming deadlines.

If a submission is going to be late, or if you are having trouble with the technology, reach out to the teacher asap to discuss your options and get supports.