

# TIPS FOR ENSURING ONLINE LEARNING ISN'T "LESS THAN" IN-PERSON



## 1. Help students take more responsibility for their own learning and growth

In a time of so much change, be prepared to offer guardrails and ideas for how to time box activities and reflect every-so-often on how it's going and how to improve moving forward. Students of all ages and levels will benefit from improved time management and planning skills as well as feedback on interacting professionally and appropriately online.

## 2. Learn something new and lean-in together

Sharing out student-created content with ample space for feedback and creativity is facilitated by learning management systems purpose-built for interaction. Use this time to help students identify projects that matter to them personally. Give space for creativity and learn something new **with** them. Use free online resources to skill up and online sharing tools to document progress. Come to synchronous sessions to share out final projects and progress. Let students align these with their passions, interests and career goals and build-in reflection on how to apply what they've learned moving forward.

## 3. Surprise your students

Even in a virtual space, you are their connection and conduit to learning. Be creative with ways to encourage interactions. Show them a peek at your world. What can you share that will surprise them? What hands-on demonstrations or object lessons can you add since you have access to your home environment?

## 4. Use the things former students tell you they remember about your class as a jumping off point.

There are few things better than running into one of your best students years later. Think back on some of those chats. What do students say they remember most about your course? Was it an activity or discussion? Was it the time you took in the hallway to be sure they were okay? Resist the urge to stalk social media and try to do what everyone else is doing. Do what YOU do best. It's obviously served you and your learners well.