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**It's not  
Election Day.  
It's voting season.**

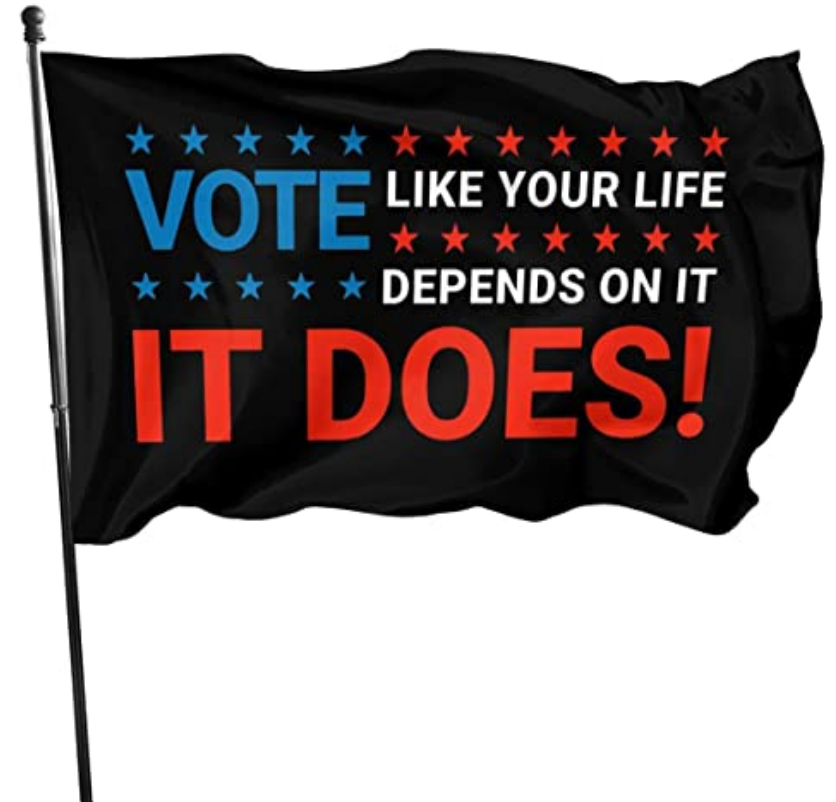
**PLAN  
YOUR  
VOTE.**




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Georgia voters can vote before Election Day. The early voting period runs from Monday, October 12, 2020 to Friday, October 30, 2020, but dates and hours may vary based on where you live.

<https://www.dekalbcountyga.gov/voter-registration-elections/voter-information>



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&  
EARLY  
VOTING**

## **ELECTION DAY Checklist**

Picture ID and/or voter registration card

Face mask/shield

Comfortable clothes and shoes

Bottled water

Lots of snacks

Charged cell phone

Backup portable charger

Ear buds

Book

Folding chair

Umbrella & Sunglasses

WRITTEN list of emergency contacts

Misty Blue Media

**Mail in..Walk  
in..Stumble  
in..Fall  
in..Drive in..  
Just get in &  
VOTE**



# KEEPING KIDS MOTIVATED FOR VIRTUAL LEARNING

How do we best help our kids make the most of these virtual learning experiences?



Being a positive encourager is possibly the most important role for the parent in a **virtual school** setting.

Research suggests that some types of parental participation have a greater impact on children's academic achievement than others.

One analysis showed that schoolchildren benefit from discussions about learning and school-related issues with their parents and from joint readings.



# Parents Are Key to Virtual Learning Success

- Because of the increased autonomy and self-motivation required to be successful in an virtual learning environment, parent involvement is generally a key indicator of a successful virtual school experience.
- Studies show that there is a direct positive correlation between parent involvement and student success. This could probably be said for both face to face courses and virtual courses, but the connection to virtual classes is very clear.
- Simply put, virtual school works better when parents take an active role in their child's education.
- The term “engagement” refers to the amount and quality of time students spend on virtual learning activities.

# Daily/Weekly Monitoring

- **Daily and/or weekly monitoring should be a priority.** Daily checking on the progress of your child, especially at the beginning of their virtual school experience, is critical. As students become more comfortable and self-motivated with online courses, this monitoring can decrease.
- **Check the number of assignments that are getting completed,** check for student understanding, and affirm on-task behavior (as opposed to lots of time spent playing online games, browsing social networking sites, etc.).
- **Provide immediate positive feedback.** Something as simple as putting a check mark, star, or sticker on the work assignment can go a long way in helping to motivate your child.



# Encourage and Motivate

- Praise your child's successes.
- Surround them with examples of the positive things they are accomplishing.
- Be encouraging without giving answers away when helping your child understand a concept or complete assignments.
- Contact the teacher and request additional assistance if something becomes too difficult or your child does not seem to understand.
- Continue to be positive and encouraging with your child.

# 8 Tips to Help Your Child Focus and Stay Engaged During Virtual Learning

- **Understand the expectation for distance learning.** *How much time should students spend online for learning purposes?*
- **Determine what type of activities work best for your child.** *Does your child work better with synchronous activities where they respond to a live instructor, or in person sitting one-on-one with you? What learning platforms seems to engage your child more than others?*
- **Encourage movement.** *Kids need to move their bodies frequently throughout the day. Allow time for exercise before your child is expected to focus on a distance learning task.*
- **Reduce distractions.** *Where possible, reduce distractions when your child is completing schoolwork. This includes noise as well as visual noise or clutter. A designated workspace that is comfortable for your child will be helpful.*

# 8 Tips to Help Your Child Focus and Stay Engaged During Virtual Learning

- **Adjust your schedule as needed.** *Consider working with your child on those activities or subjects that are more difficult during the times of day when your child is most alert and engaged. Learning material that is easier for a child, and therefore moved through more quickly, can be completed at a different time (such as in the afternoon or even another day).*
- **Use a checklist for focus.** *A basic visual checklist of tasks needed for a particular activity will be helpful.*
- **Give your child (and yourself) a break.** *It's okay to stop the activity and give them a break and to slow down the pace, which means giving your child time to think and process information while participating in segments of learning one at a time rather than trying to tackle a whole lesson in one sitting.*
- **Provide immediate positive feedback.** *Don't forget to celebrate yourself, as you are playing such an important role to help your child learn and grow.*

# What Should Parents Do?

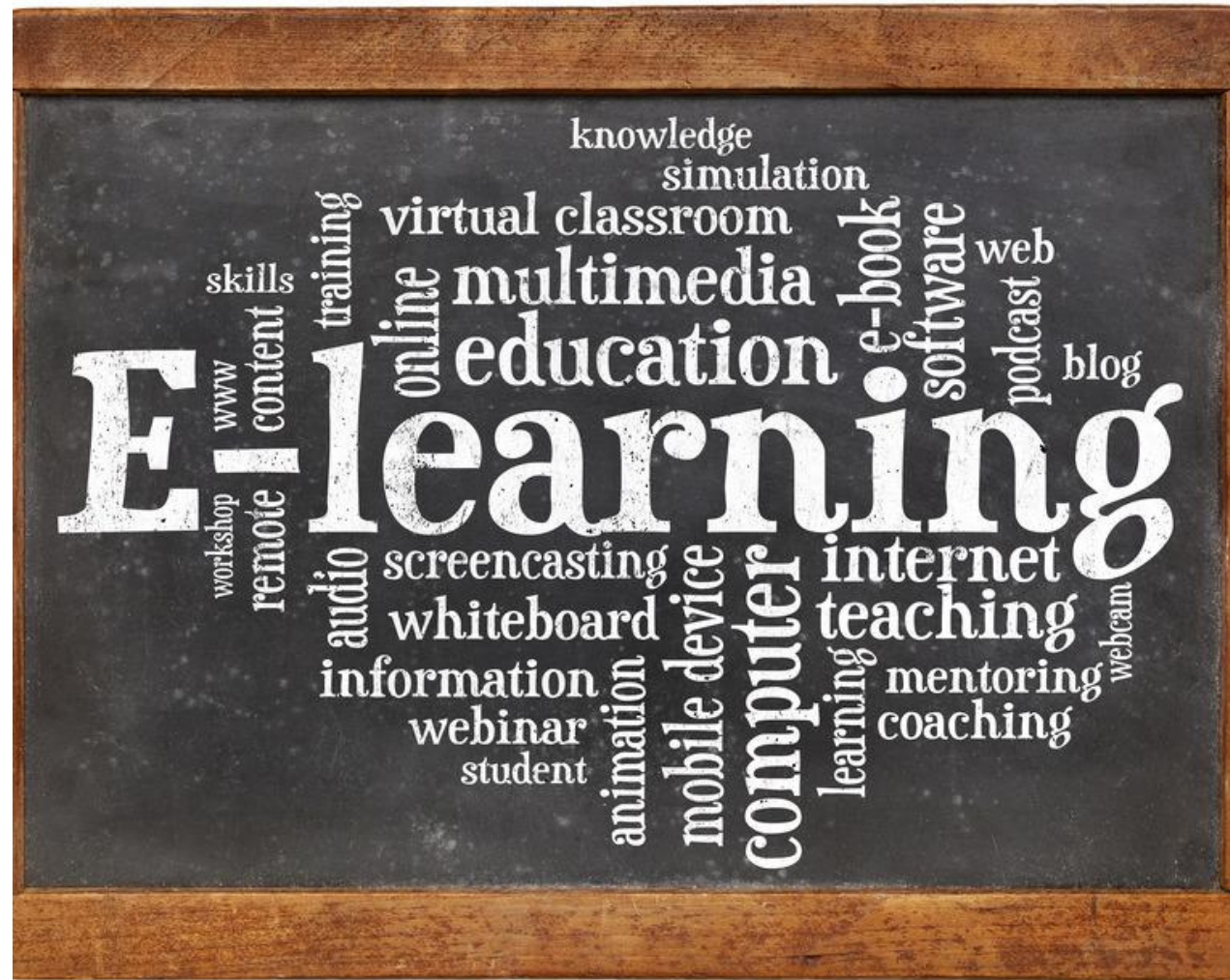
- Model Hard Work and Persistence
- Get to Know the Online Learning Platforms
- Stay in Communication with Your Student's Teachers
- Stay positive—even through technical difficulties
- Help kids stay in touch with their friends
- Be flexible



Q & A

The image features the text "Q & A" rendered in a 3D, blocky font. The letters "Q" and "A" are bright red, while the ampersand "&" is a light gray. The characters are positioned on a white surface, casting soft shadows. The entire scene is set against a white background and is enclosed within a white rectangular border, which is itself centered on a solid red background.





# 10 TOP TIPS REMOTE LEARNING FOR PARENTS

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# Virtual Learning Guide for Families



## Safety & Security



**Be Conscious**  
of your surroundings  
and what's around  
you in live video  
conference calls.



**Internet Safety &  
Content Filters**  
Consider placing a  
content filter on devices  
to meet CIPA (Child  
Internet Protection Act).



**Recordings**  
If you prefer not to have  
your student's voice or  
image recorded, please  
take steps to block your  
child's image from  
being recorded and  
notify their teacher of  
their non-verbal  
participation.



**Eye Health**  
Some parents believe  
that blue light blocking  
glasses are helpful to  
their children.



**Reduce Anxiety**  
If you're watching the  
news 24/7, so are your  
students. It elevates  
anxiety and bad news.  
Limit intake of news  
and trust reliable  
sources for taking to  
your children about  
current events.



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