



TOP 10 TIPS FOR TEACHERS

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Create a centralized location for communication with students and families.

Only use district and school approved platforms and communication channels. Protect personal data.

Focus on the pedagogy, not just the platform.

Invite student engagement and feedback. Provide students with individualized support.

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Be visible and keep your students in front of you.

Students need to hear your voice and see your smiling face. Lead with care and compassion.

Limit cognitive load.

Reduce the number of clicks. Use just a few digital content partners and tools. Select the best and stay with them.

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Set classroom norms.

Revisit social contract. What does trust and respect look like in this new online learning environment? Set expectations.

Keep things simple.

Determine your priorities and cut expectations in half. Focus on the essential standards. Use a simple lesson structure.

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Communication is key to success.

Monday distribute a class agenda. Friday summarize the learning. Celebrate successes. Praise often.

Consider the needs of our most vulnerable learners.

*(e.g. Sp.Ed, EL, low-SES)
Select accessible resources. Text is universal. Use closed caption videos.*

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Be flexible within routines.

Use predictable patterns with no hard deadline. Have lots of practice before assessing the learning and providing feedback.

Make lessons fun and engaging, with encouraging regular feedback.

Consider opportunities for hands-on engagement. Use humor, silliness, and play.

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