

A photograph of a student's workspace on a wooden desk. An open silver laptop is positioned in the upper left. In the foreground, a white sheet of paper is laid out. To the right, a wooden pencil holder contains various writing instruments. The scene is lit with soft, natural light, creating a calm and focused atmosphere.

Student Workspace During Remote Learning

Setting up a functional workspace for your child at home.

Our homes look very different than schools. The materials, resources, and furnishing don't always fit what we need. Do the best you can. Keep the space consistent. Go through the routine of organizing the space with your child several times. The more times your child uses and organizes their space the greater their independence in this task.

Tips

- Find a location away from as many distractions as possible.
- Do not use a bed as a work space. A bed is a place of sleep and relaxation. When a student works on a bed they are more likely to become too relaxed, too sleepy or even fall asleep.
- If a bedroom is your child's only option for a workspace be creative in finding a spot.
- Use the tables and chairs you have. Perhaps a TV tray or even a plastic or heavy cardboard box could be used as a desk.
- Keep supplies handy in a pencil box, shoe box or other storage type item.
- Have all papers, notebooks, textbooks and computer in one location.
- If you need to move the items at the end of the school day put them away in the same location each day.
- Headphones are helpful if other sounds are present during learning time.

For more tips and information:

<https://www.khanacademy.org/khan-for-educators/resources/parents-mentors-1/khan-academy-accounts/a/seven-tips-for-setting-up-a-productive-learning-space-at-home>

<https://www.nytimes.com/wirecutter/blog/remote-learning-space-set-up/>

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