



VIRTUAL LEARNING SUPPORT

Staff, students, and the community need support to be successful with virtual learning, whether in full-time virtual programs or in schools using virtual learning days. This document presents key considerations for facilitating successful virtual learning. See [this collection](#) for related resources.

Staff Support	Standards Alignment	Align professional development efforts with the Indiana Department of Education's Educator Standards for Blended and Virtual Instruction .
	Dimensions of Engagement	Conduct professional development supporting educator efforts to incorporate each dimension of student engagement: affective, behavioral, and cognitive.
	Instructional Design	Conduct professional development related to the intentional integration of strategies best suited for each virtual learning modality. Incorporate Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles to remove barriers to learning.
Learner Support	Student Learning Experience	Connect with students by establishing communication procedures, building teacher presence, and reducing transactional distance. Utilize research-based strategies for incorporating digital tools, providing feedback, and individualizing instruction.
	Interactive Learning	Ensure students have opportunities to interact with teachers, peers, and content each day.
	Supporting Students with Accommodations	Provide appropriate accommodations to support specialized populations (special education, English learners, economically disadvantaged families, etc.). Ensure students have access to assistive technology as needed.
	Other Student Supports	Plan for additional necessary student support, which might include connectivity, food service, counseling services, etc.
Community Support	Support for Caregivers	Provide caregivers with ongoing resources and support, including guidance on how to access the parent component of the school's learning management system and guidance regarding roles caregivers can fulfill when supporting students.
	Messaging and Communication	Communicate necessary information about virtual learning. Give parents the opportunity to provide feedback.
	Partnerships	Engage community partners that can provide support and drive the success of virtual learning.

