Characteristics of Successful Online Learners

In general, a student* who is successful in an online learning environment:

- has a parent/guardian who supports and checks on his or her progress on a daily/weekly basis – (depending upon the needs and age* of the student)
- is able to stay on task and work independently
- completes assignments in a flexible setting
- organizes his or her time and work effectively
- can self-reflect, processes feedback and makes changes
- is a thoughtful, thorough reader
- asks questions and desires to learn new things
- is self-motivated and committed to learning
- reaches out for help when needed and communicates with his or her teachers
- maintains a study area with reliable Internet access
- enjoys working with technology

*For younger students, a successful online learning experience requires a dedicated adult in the home who can:
- help the student find their work and use the digital tools
- keep the student on a daily schedule and provide continual support with their lessons
- read daily with the student
- communicate with the student's teacher and follow-through on the teacher's suggestions
- help the child log in to and participate in scheduled online lessons with the teacher