



Is Online Learning Right for Me?

Instructions:

1. **Student and Parents** should work together to complete this survey
2. **BE HONEST** – this survey will help gauge your chances for success in online classes
3. **Answer the questions** below then score the document. Your score is just an indicator as to whether you are a good candidate for online learning. It is not going to tell you how well you will do in an online course.

Section 1: Personal Attitudes

Rate yourself on a scale from 1 – 5 (1 = Never, 3 = Sometimes, and 5 = Always)

- _____ I am a self-starter and do my schoolwork and homework without being told twice.
- _____ I stay on task when doing schoolwork.
- _____ I schedule my time well at school.
- _____ I schedule my time well outside of school.
- _____ I stay on task while doing work on the Internet.
- _____ I follow through on requests from my teachers and turn in schoolwork on time.
- _____ I answer e-mail in a timely manner.
- _____ I ask teachers for help if I need it.
- _____ I am willing and able to commit 6 hours/day for my online school, plus homework and studying.
- _____ I have an adult available at home during the day to monitor my schoolwork.

Personal Attitudes Score = _____ (add all points together)

Attitudes cannot be learned or changed easily so a lot of low scores should be a concern for a potential online student.

Less than 35 points: An online course may not be right for you.

Less than 25 points: You should not take an online course.

Section 2: Technology Skills

Rate yourself on a scale from 1 - 5, with 1 = NO, and 5 = Yes

- _____ I have easy access to a computer and the Internet at home.
- _____ I know how to use a URL.
- _____ I can cut and paste text information.
- _____ I am a regular user of e-mail.
- _____ I know how to use Internet applications such as chat and discussion groups.
- _____ I know how to do Internet research.
- _____ I have someone at school or home to help me if I have technical problems.
- _____ The computer I will use for the class has Microsoft Word and Excel.

Technology Skills Score = _____ (add all points together)

Technology skills can be learned so “low” scores on these statements should not cause too much concern. However, if you scored a 1 on more than 4 items, you need to either get better access to the Internet and/or you need to find someone to help you improve your technology skills **before you start the online class.**